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## ROOSEVELT SENDS MESSAGE TO IL DUCE

FRANCE IS UNCONQUERABLE: NATION WILL NEVER FLINCH FROM WHAT LIES AHEAD

### FIRST TIME GERMANY HAS MET ADVERSARY PROPERLY PREPARED, EQUIPPED

PARIS, May 16 (Reuter)—M. Charles Morice, the Military commentator, writes in PETIT PARISIEN: "This is the first time that the German Army has met an adversary properly prepared and equipped. Our artillery is terrible."

"Sons of the men of Verdun are fighting on the Meuse with the same courage as their fathers."

Deputy Laurent, writing in Le Jour, says: "Our tanks are asserting their superiority. In every air battle our fighters are predominant."

"Today, unlike in 1918, our ammunition supplies are immense. From the United States and Canada planes are arriving for us by the hundreds."

### MEUSE PROBLEM IS BY NO MEANS SIMPLE

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter)—The Times today reviews the position in the Meuse and sums up as follows:

"Viewing the situation as a whole it may be said that the problem before the commander, faced with an offensive of this type which is backed by extremely powerful equipment of every nature and pressed with reckless determination to obtain a decision, is by no means easy."

"Shall he wait until the violence of the attack shows signs of flagging—in which case the enemy will have had time to organise defence in the depth behind his front—or risk a counter-offensive against troops who have not lost the impetus and are still flushed with victory, in the hope of creating confusion among them?"

"In warfare today his decision will be influenced, above all, by the situation in the air."

#### NOT DESPERATE

After examining the functions of the Air Arm, The Times concludes: "In this great battle of the Meuse,

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### NO OIL FOR GERMANY

LONDON, May 16 (BWS)—It is now learned that all oil in Rotterdam and Amsterdam was destroyed and did not fall into German hands.

### Temporary Internment Of All Nazis & Austrians In Britain

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter)—Temporary internment of all Germans and Austrians, between the ages of 16 and 60, throughout Britain, who were previously required only to comply with certain restrictions, has now been ordered by the Home Secretary, Sir John Anderson.

It is stated that this is regarded as further precautions for the country's safety.

Special restrictions previously applied prevented aliens from travelling more than four miles from their homes, changing of addresses, and owning of cameras and motor cars without police permission.

#### N.Z. MEASURES

WELLINGTON, May 16 (Reuter)—The Minister of Defence and Acting Prime Minister, Mr. P. Fraser, announced enemy aliens considered active or potential sources of danger have been interned.

He added that the situation regarding aliens is being strictly watched.

### FRANCO-BRITISH AID IS NOW MORE EFFECTIVE

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter)—Franco-British aid is becoming more and more effective from hour to hour, declared M. Deloisse, Belgian Minister of Communications, in a speech over the Belgian radio.

M. Deloisse added: "Great numbers of troops, admirably equipped, are coming to our support. Our resistance grows in strength the farther the Germans move from their bases and lengthen their lines of communication."

"For the last three days the Belgians have been resisting enemy onslaughts in their second line positions. The defenders at Fort Namur have caused the Germans quite terrible losses."

### COLLECTIVE PROTEST

MONTEVIDEO, May 16 (Reuter)—It is stated that 14 American countries have already agreed to Uruguay's proposal for a collective protest against the Nazi invasion of Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg.

The response of the British and French to the appeal of Holland and Belgium had been immediate and help had been rushed to them. In Holland many of the Dutch soldiers had been overcome by Hitler's Fifth Column and the paratroop troops, who had been sent to seize vital defence positions. The Germans had resorted to every treacherous device to gain their ends and the Dutch Army had been compelled to lay down their arms. Meanwhile, however, the Belgian people were putting up a more effective resistance.

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### Military Circles Regard Situation In Sedan As Serious, Not Critical

LONDON, MAY 16 (BWS)—LATEST INFORMATION REGARDING THE WAR SITUATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

IN ZEELAND heavy fighting between Allied and German troops is proceeding in the Schildt and the Island of Walcheren.

IN THE BELGIUM line, which runs east of Antwerp towards Louvain and by Charleroi and Mezieres to Sedan, towards Longwy, heavy attacks took place yesterday all along this front, the most serious being between Dinant and Sedan.

As already stated the Allied line is dented about Sedan. The situation today is that, on the eastern side of this dent, the Germans are being held; on the western side the situation is obscure and fluid.

It is difficult to say what has happened there. The situation is, however, regarded in military circles as serious but not critical.

North of Namur the Germans have started several attacks on the British, French and Belgian troops.

At Sedan they began violent at-

tacks which by evening, according to informed comment in Paris, seemed checked and, at certain points, Allied forces made slight progress along the Meuse.

GERMAN LINES SHELLED

In the Vosges there was heavy artillery fire against the Maginot Line and on the Rhine the artillery shelled the German lines.

French commentators state that the Germans are profiting by their advances yesterday and pushed forward armoured columns which penetrated some distance into the Allied lines between Namur and Sedan.

The Chinese however made good his escape.

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### REPORTED APPEAL TO KEEP ITALY OUT OF CONFLICT

### No Reply From Mussolini

AFTER A CONFERENCE with State Department officials, which was summoned for discussion on an alarming report received by President Roosevelt on May 14 regarding the possibility of Italy's entry in the war, Mr. Roosevelt sent a message to Signor Mussolini.

The message, it is reported by Havas, was despatched to Mr. William Phillips, United States Ambassador to Italy.

A Reuter report from Washington states that confirmation is not at present available of Mr. Roosevelt's reported appeal to Mussolini to keep Italy out of the war, but it is generally believed that some such message from the President was delivered to Il Duce in Rome by the American Ambassador.

#### MUSSOLINI HAS NOT YET REPLIED

Mr. Roosevelt, the Reuter report adds, may clarify the American position in a message to Congress which he was expected to give last night.

Meanwhile, all Americans in South and South East Europe have been recommended to leave for the United States and they have been advised to depart from Bordeaux instead of from Genoa.

#### NO INFORMATION ON CONTENTS

ROME, May 16 (Reuter)—It is confirmed by Italian quarters that President Roosevelt has sent a personal message to Signor Mussolini through Count Ciano.

No information is available regarding the contents.

### N.Y. HERALD-TRIBUNE SAYS

### DECLARE WAR ON GERMANY AT ONCE

NEW YORK, May 16 (Reuter)—"It is quite probable that the least costly solution in both life and welfare would be to declare war on Germany at once," says the NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE.

The paper continues: "Already this vast enormity in Holland and Belgium has blasted two tremendous facts into American consciousness with vividness and immediacy not achieved by all the ghatfulness of the last months and years."

"The first fact is that Germany may win the war and the second is that the German war-making machine is as powerful as it is hideous. The United States cannot, for another moment, afford to shut its eyes to them."

### EUROPEAN LADY ATTACKED

#### KNIFE THREAT TO MRS. SPARY

An alarming experience befell Mrs. Ida Spary, wife of Mr. A. Spary, of the Public Works Department, last night when she was threatened by a Chinese armed with a knife.

According to a police report, Mrs. Spary, who resides at No. 7 Tak Shing Street, first floor, was walking in Tak Shing Street about 9.15 o'clock and when at the junction of Cox's Path she was attacked by a Chinese male who snatched her handbag.

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### Five American Ambulances Bombed

PARIS, May 16 (Reuter)—Five ambulances, belonging to the American Volunteer Ambulance Corps on the Western Front have been bombed and gunned, according to Mr. Bernhard Ragner, a member of the Corps.

Two cars were destroyed. All prominently displayed the Stars and Stripes and the Red Cross. One volunteer is reported to be missing.

### HEAVIEST ATTACK BY R.A.F.

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter)—The Air Ministry announced that the R.A.F. last night carried out a big offensive against enemy road and rail communications, east of the Rhine, namely, those supporting the enemy forces invading the Low Countries and Luxembourg.

The attacks lasted throughout the night and were directed against many points. In many towns bombs were dropped, causing fires and heavy explosions.

It was the heaviest attack by the Royal Air Force during the war.

### BRITONS ADVISED TO LEAVE ZURICH

### Nazi Troops Near Basle

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter)—A message from Zurich says the British Consular authorities at Zurich today advised British residents to leave the district in view of a possible emergency.

Trains leaving Zurich are crowded with people being evacuated to French Switzerland. The situation is calm but rumours persist that German troops are being concentrated near Basle. It is uncertain whether this is a new move in the war of nerves or a preparation for a fresh invasion.

Swiss local defence groups are being rapidly organised to defend every inch of the country against saboteurs and parachutists.

Guards protecting bridges and public buildings have been doubled. Reuter learns that the evacuation of British subjects from Switzerland has not been officially ordered from London.

Sometimes local British Consuls may deem it necessary to advise the evacuation of British subjects in their particular city or canton. This, evidently, has been done in the case of those living in or near Zurich.

### WOODRING ADDS HIS VOICE

### DEMAND FOR U.S. PREPAREDNESS

NEW YORK, May 16 (Reuter)—The War Secretary, Mr. Harry S. Woodring, has added his voice to the rising chorus demanding increased American preparedness in view of the developments in the war in Europe.

He said: "The time is nearing when we must spend billions of dollars to defend this great democracy. Glaring headlines of today's papers shout to us that the United States must support a completely adequate navy and a fully effective army."

### TIMES ON MR. EDEN'S APPEAL

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter)—Commenting on the War Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden's appeal for volunteers against parachutists, The Times states: "The only matter for regret is that such a force was not organised at the outbreak of war or even sooner."

## EXHIBITION TENNIS AT HONGKONG C.C.

### Filipinos Featured In Interesting Matches

THREE INTERESTING EXHIBITION tennis matches were played at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday when members of the Philippine team going to Tokyo met local players.

Sanchez, runner-up of the Philippine singles championship, easily defeated Tsui Yan-pui in two sets 6-4, 6-2. The Filipino was by far the superior player and dominated play from the start.

In the doubles, Carmoha and Dr. Alfredo Diy met W. C. Hung and Paul Kong in two sets, the visitors winning the first 6-4 and the Hongkong pair the second 6-3.

### Races

#### Sixth Extra Meeting

Entries for the Sixth Extra Race Meeting, to be held at Happy Valley on May 25, are:

Carpentaria Handicap, For Australian Subscription Ponies of this Season. Winners at Race Meetings of this Club, barred. One Mile.

A Good Time, A Green Time, Brown Derby, Catterick Bridge, Grand Allegiance, Maple Star, Piccadilly Jim, Princess Clara, Sea Jay, Spring Shine, Surprise Again, Winnie.

Shing Mun Handicap, For China Ponies, "B" Class. Winners at Race Meetings of this Club since January, 1940, barred. Six Furlongs.

Avon, Conquering Time, English Cavalier, Eve of Folly, Galaxy, Lillibet, Peaceful View, Red Feather, Rob Roy, Rose Anna.

Merton Bay Handicap, For Australian Subscription Ponies, "D" Class. Winners at Race Meetings of this Club since January 1, 1940, barred. One Mile.

A Good Time, A Green Time, Brown Derby, Colorado Star, Dick Turpin, Heinz, Income Tax, Murray River, Nancy Lee, Piccadilly Jim, Picocas, Schmetterling, Sea Urchin, Tarzan, Winnie, Zodiac.

Yangtze Handicap, For China Ponies. Griffins of this Season. Winners at Race Meetings of this Club, barred. One Mile.

Attacking Time, Blue Field, Emergency Unit, Eve of Dancing, Eve of Folly, Eve of Hunting, Eve of Peace, Hughry, Jane Doe, Possible, Victoria.

Hervey Bay Handicap, For Australian Subscription Ponies, "A" Class. Winners of \$2,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1940, barred. From The 1 1/2 Mile Post (About Half Mile 170 Yards).

Albury, Ascot Day, Conkleifer, Contact, Courting Eve, Crieff, Devonian, Lancashire Chips, Lucky Lad, Many Thanks, Melody Star, Tomato Star, Vanity Fair, Viceroy.

Wellsen Handicap, For Australian Subscription Ponies, "C" Class. Winners at Race Meetings of this Club since January 1, 1940, barred. One Mile.

Bredon, Catterick Bridge, Comedy Star, Discovery Bay, Forehand, Diy, Grand Allegiance, Maple Star, National Victory, Rising Star, Roofy, Snowy River, Spring Shine, Strathcarrick, Violet Queen.

West River Handicap, For China Ponies, "D" Class. Winners at Race Meetings of this Club since January 1, 1940, barred. Six Furlongs.

Ascot Vale, Bistre, Desert Star, Double Chance, Gold Coin, Golden Cow, Good Morning, Jack O'Lantern, Kite, Cheung-Night View, Orange Boven, Plet mein, Soldier in China, Sunlight View, Talkative, Tim, Tiny Tim.

Great Eight Handicap, For Australian Subscription Ponies, "B" Class. Winners at Race Meetings of this Club since January 1, 1940, barred. Six Furlongs.

A Great Time, Annabella, Derby Day, Double Finesse, Princess Clara, Pumpernickel, Teviotdale, Triumphant Day, Vixen Tor, Lantau Handicap, For China Ponies, "C" Class. Winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes since Jan 1, 1940, barred. From The Two Mile Post (Once Round and in About One Mile 171 Yards).

Advancing Time, Attacking Time, Blue Field, Blue Gate, Bronze Arrow, Commeçément Bay, Emergency Unit, Eve of Dancing, Eve of Reason, Gladiator, Hughry, Jane Doe, Lady Love, Lancashire Boy, Laughing Girl, Little Princess, National Pride, National Success, Oomph, Pinfarthings, Romeo, Rose Diana, Rose Perfect, Rose-Queen Royal, Highness, Salvage Master, Scenic View, Smashing Through, Sympathetic, Tampa Bay, Taxing Master, Thirty Six, Xenophon.

### LEAGUE TENNIS "D" DIVISION RESULTS

#### Close Match At King's Park

At King's Park yesterday Kowloon Cricket Club were defeated by the Chinese Recreation Club "B", 5-4 in the Tennis League "D" Division.

G. Gillard and E. Eymard (K.C.C.) beat K. M. Wong and C. F. Tse 6-4, beat Y. Y. Lam and W. Chung 6-2, lost to Y. Chan and C. Y. Tse 2-5.

L. Jack and R. Turpin (K.C.C.) lost to Wong and Tse 5-7, lost to Lam and Chung 1-6, beat Chan and Tse 6-2.

A. E. Perry and H. W. Crabb (K.C.C.) beat Wong and Tse 6-3, lost to Lam and Chung 2-6, lost to Chan and Tse 1-6.

#### K.I.T.C. WIN

At King's Park, Kowloon Indian Tennis Club defeated the Craignewton C.C. 7-2.

S. R. Salleh and M. Ramzan (K.I.T.C.) beat A. B. Hamson and F. Zimmern 6-3, beat S. A. Casumbay and P. C. Yue 6-3, beat N. L. Leonard and S. L. Leonard 6-4.

C. M. Khan and M. H. Hassan (K.I.T.C.) lost to Hamson and Zimmern 4-6, beat Cassumbay and Yue 6-3, beat Leonard and Leonard 6-3.

#### AMPOON POSTPONED

The match between the South China Athletic Association and the Central British Association was postponed as was the fixture between C.R.C. "A" and the Filipino Club.

### WALSH FINE LEADER

Charlton A. ...4 Southampton 1

Charlton did not have the easy match the score might suggest. Twice goalkeeper Hobbs had to dive at the feet of Southampton forwards to save, and with a little luck Southampton might have matched a point.

They were the better team throughout, but was not until the second half that they found their shooting boots. Close passing spoiled much of their early work, and their opponents were able to break up many promising movements.

On terms at the interval, West Bromwich adopted more open tactics after the change-over, and were able to score three further goals without reply.

Fine goalkeeping by Calvert prevented Albion taking the lead in the opening minutes.

Brentford .....5 Fulham 0

The speed and skilful combination of Brentford's forwards were too much for Fulham. Fulham defenders took a lot of the stick out of the Albion forwards, who kept the ball too close.

Calvert saved brilliantly from Connally and Butler, and once Deniston headed from under the bar with Calvert beaten. On the other hand, Saunders in the Albion goal was rarely in action.

Second-half goals by Butler and Jones (2) did not exacerbate Albion's all-round superiority.

Coutts shot wide from a penalty for Northampton.

Albion, who were immeasurably cleverer in attack ought to have won by an even bigger margin.

#### WOLVES SCRAPPY HOME

Walsall .....1 Wolves .....2

After an even quarter of an hour, Wright scored for Wolverhampton, who had Cullis at centre half-back.

Walsall subsequently held their own for time in a fast game, but lacked thrust in finishing.

The Wolves' cleverer forwards were also kept at a safe distance by a sound defence, but Galley snappet up a chance to score in the 34th minute.

Early in the second half Galley missed an easy chance. Brown scored cleverly for Walsall in 71 minutes, and shortly after Bulger hit the crossbar with Fidlow beaten. Wolverhampton obviously eased up in the second half, and were fortunate to win.

### HOME SOCCER SCORES

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter)—The following were the results of regional soccer matches played in Scotland yesterday:

WESTERN  
Kilmarnock ... 3 Rangers .....1  
Motherwell ... 6 Partick .....1

### SPORTS

#### Rifle Shooting

### Hale Misses "Possible" For 500 Yards Narrowly

Thirty members were present on Wednesday at the Kowloon City Range for the Spoon and Practice shoot. Conditions were good for shooting, although scores were not very high at 500 yards due to varying light.

Most people improved their scores at 500 and 600. C/Sgt. P. Hale of the 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regt. secured another century, just missing his possible button at 600 by one point, but winning the nett spoon for S.R.B. Hines. In the S.R.A. section Sgt. Clarke H.K.F. won the handicap spoon.

Concurrently with the spoon shoot, the 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regt. fired their individual competition for the Steer's Cup, which was presented by Lt.-Col. Steers R.E. to their Rifle Club for annual competition with S.R.B. rifles, for aggregate nett scores.

For the 3rd year in succession Colour Sergeant P. Hale has won this cup. Lt. G. C. Dawson was second.

Leading scores were as follows:

S.R.B. B.P. 300 500 600 Tl. C/Sgt. P. Hale Scr. 33 34 33 100\* B/M W. Kilford 29 32 32 93 Lt. G. C. Dawson 31 33 29 82 Cpl. R. Langford 2 27 33 30 90 F/Sgt.

P. H. Thong Scr. 31 33 26 90 L/Sgt. Henderson 2 28 30 31 89 Cpt. F. P. Sequel Scr. 26 31 28 88 S.I. A. C. Chan 28 30 29 87 Mr. H. J. Blake 23 30 31 84 S.R.A.

Cpl. P. H. Argyle Scr. 32 33 25 88 P.C. G. Bachan S. 8 29 24 82 Mr. R. J. Johnston 5 27 26 80 Sgt. G. G. Clarke 11 30 25 24 79\* Mr. N. Whyte 8 27 26 26 79 Pte. N. G. Ferreira 13 24 20 22 68

Winner of H. Cap Spoon will have H. Cap reduced by one pt.

#### CLUB BOWLS TEAMS

The following players will represent H.K.C.C. against Kowloon Football Club in their lawn bowls matches tomorrow:—

SECOND DIVISION (HOME):—R. R. Davies, J. L. Motat, G. E. Costello, B. E. Maughan (skip); J. A. D. Morrison, E. Hospes, E. S. Abramian, A. W. Brown (skip); A. Pearce, L. A. R. Duncan, J. Prentice, G. S. Archibut (skip).

THIRD DIVISION (AWAY):—B. J. Lacon, L. E. N. Ryan, P. S. Cassidy, R. H. Wild (skip); W. J. Hansen, F. D. Angus, A. S. Mitchell, R. A. Edwards (skip); W. A. Cornell, W. A. Crickshank, A. K. Mackenzie, A. McKellar (skip).

TOMORROW

BOWLS LEAGUE—First Division, Kowloon B.G.C. v. Recreio A.; Civil Service v. Kowloon C.C.; Kowloon Docks v. Indian R.C.; Police v. Hongkong Football Club; Craignewton B. Second Division, Kowloon Tong v. Craignewton; Police v. Kowloon B.G.C.; Cricket Club v. Kowloon F.C.; Recreio v. Kowloon C.C.; Taikoo v. Civil Service, Third Division, Indian R.C. v. Electric; Prison Officers v. Craignewton; Kowloon F.C. v. Cricket Club; Hongkong Football Club v. Kowloon B.G.C.

SWIMMING.—Entries close for European Y.M.C.A. swimming Gala, 6 p.m.

#### UNCLAIMED CABLES

The list of unclaimed telegrams lying at offices of Cable & Wireless Limited, includes the following:—

Mitchell, Y.M.C.A., from Sydney; Mrs. Fain, Gloucester Hotel, from Singapore; Ted Kilkenny, American Express, from New York; Steudlein, U.S.S. Blackhawk, from Shanghai; Botteller, s.s. Tsin-tai-leng-ka, care J.C.J.L., from Tientsin.

At point-blank range from Hamps.

Swindon were the more forceful side, but the City fought back, and Wildman made a spectacular save from Butterworth.

Seven minutes from half-time Morgan scored for Bristol from a penalty, and almost immediately Howe equalised from the penalty spot.

Three minutes after the restart Bourton put the City ahead from a corner taken by Butterworth, and five minutes from the end Armstrong scored from Vidler's pass. This was Swindon's first home defeat in regional football.

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## COMING EVENTS

MAY

17—Tides: High 3:35 a.m. and 5:33 p.m.; Low: 1:52 a.m.  
Sunrise: 5:41 a.m.; Sunset: 6:58 p.m.  
Thought for Today: Adversity reminds men of rebellion—Lily.

Chinese Industrial Co-operatives Dinner Dance and Cabaret, Peninsula Hotel, 8 p.m.

Jumble and White Elephant Sale by Girl Guides' Assn. at Sandilands Bldg, 2:30 p.m.

R.E.K. Referees' Assn. Whist Drive, Hotel Cecil, 8:30 p.m.

H.K.V.D.C. Smoking Concert and Prize-Giving, 9 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Camera Club Meeting, 6 p.m.; Badminton 6 p.m.; Swimming for Business Girls, 6:30 p.m.; Mixed Swimming, 6 p.m.

Christ Church Concert, St. Andrew's Hall, 8:45 p.m.

Intersection Service at St. John's Cathedral, 5:30 p.m.

Ladies Working Party (H.W.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

St. Andrew's Working Party (Medical), 10 a.m.

18—Tides: High 6:53 a.m. and 7:10 p.m.; Low: 12:12 a.m. and 1:06 p.m.

Sunrise: 5:41 a.m.; Sunset: 6:57 p.m.

Thought for Today: It isn't the man who knows the most, but the man that knows the best, that's insect—Athen.

Claims against estates of Blanche Cooke and Helen Modrat Dods due.

Entries close for Y.M.C.A. Swimming Gala.

St. Mary's School: Physical Training Display, 4 p.m.

Kowloon Tong Club: Buffet-Supper-Dance in aid of B.W.O.F. and Chinese War Relief Funds, 9 p.m.

Criminal Sessions open, 10 a.m.

19—Tides: High 7:20 a.m. and 8:20 p.m.; Low: 1:55 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Sunrise: 5:41 a.m.; Sunset: 6:57 p.m.

Thought for Today: Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven—Matthew 5:16.

Cathedral Women's Fellowship, Mahjones Drive, Cathedral Hall, H.E. and Lady Northcote leave Hong Kong, 9:45 a.m.

Charity Soccer Match, Eastern v. Combined Business, 4:30 p.m.

20—Peak Club: Bridge and Mah-Jongg Drive in aid of B.W.O.F., 3 p.m.

Shek-O Development Co. Ltd. Annual Meeting, at office of China Underwriters Ltd., 5:15 p.m.

Crown Land Sale, P.W.D., 3 p.m.

21—Rotary Club Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

H.K. International Medical Relief Committee Meeting at Chinese Merchants' Club—Speaker: Bishop Y. Y. Tsui, 5:30 p.m.

22—Canton Insurance Office, Ltd. Annual Meeting, (Jardine, Matheson and Co. Ltd.), 12 noon.

23—Diocesan Old Boys' Assn. Annual Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Claims against estate of Dame Mary Ann Ackroyd due.

24—R.O.C. to present "Orders Are Orders," 9:15 p.m.

25—Y.M.C.A. Swimming Gala, 9 p.m.

K.C.C. to present "Orders Are Orders," 9:15 p.m.

H.K. Jockey Club's Sixth Extra Race Meeting, 2 p.m.

27—China Emporium, Ltd. Annual Meeting and third drawing for debentures, 4 p.m.

28—Sino-American Inst. of Cultural Relations, Annual Meeting, Chinese Merchants' Club, 5:30 p.m.

Wm. Powell, Ltd. Annual Meeting, 6, Des Voeux Rd., 12:15 p.m.

29—Choral Group to present "Cavalleria Rusticana" at King's Theatre.

H.K. Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Socy., Annual Meeting, Cathedral Hall, 5:15 p.m.

30—Choral Group to present "Cavalleria Rusticana" at King's Theatre.

Indo-China S.N. Co. Ltd. Annual Meeting, 12 noon.

## GENERAL

# Radio Programmes

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Beethoven Symphony

12:15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12:30 Vaughan Williams—Serenade to Music.

SI. Henry J. Wood conducting the B.B.C. Orchestra with Soloists: I. Ballie, S. Allen, E. Sudaby, E. Turner, M. Balfour, A. Desmond, M. Brumskill, M. Jarred, R. Nash, W. Widdow, P. Jones, F. Titterton, R. Henderson, R. Easton, H. Williams and N. Allin.

12:45 London Philharmonic Orchestra.

Façade Suite, No. 2 (Walton); Silesia (Walton); Danse Boheme (La Jolie Fille de Feith—Bizet).

1:00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1:03 Greta Keller (Vocal) and Geraldine and His Orchestra.

Quickstep—Could Be; Fox-Trot, Between a Kiss and A Sigh—Geraldo and His Orchestra; When I Learn French—(Thompson)—Greta Keller (Vocal) with Orchestra; Deep Purple—(Parish-De Rose)—Geraldo and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain by Eve Becke; Would You? (from "San Francisco"); Take My Heart (Ahlert); Greta Keller (Vocal) with Orchestra; Waltz—I Paid for the Kiss that I Told You; Fox-Trot—Small Town—Geraldo and His Orchestra.

1:45 Musical Comedy Selections: Words and Music—Selection (Noel Coward); New Mayfair Orchestra; "New Moon"—Vocal Gems (Hammerstein, 2nd and Romberg); Light Opera Company with Orchestra; "Slaughter" on Tenth Avenue (from "On Your Toes"); Hart & Rodgers—Paul Whiteman and His Concert Orchestra.

2:15 Close down.

2:30 Half an hour of Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—Mutiny in the Nursery (film "Going Places"); Jeeps—Greepers (film "Going Places")—Paul Whiteman and His Swing Wing.

Tango—Llorar Y Reir (Glosses); Clasico—Juan Lloress and His Orchestra; Fox-Trot—Tell Me With Your Kisses; Love Doesn't Grow On Trees (film "A Song Is Born")—Greta Keller and His Orchestra; Swing Fox-Trot—Junk Man's Serenade; Je-D-Ovie Alston and His Orchestra; Waltz—My Heart's In Old Killarney; Fox-Trot—Speaking of the Weather (film "Gold Diggers of 1937")—George Holt and His Sweet Music Makers.

3:00 Studio—A Recital by Successful Candidates of Various Grades in the Recent Examinations of the Trinity College of Music, selected by Dr. Lovelock.

7:00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7:05 Sea Shanties.

Rio Grande; Billy Boy (arr. Terry); Shenandoah (arr. Terry); Ten Thousand Miles Away (Willian); John Goss (Bartone) and Cathedral Male Voice Quartet with Piano.

7:12 Sydney Gustard at the Organ.

Musical Comedy Medley—Intro.

Waltz from "The Lilac Domino"; If You Were the Only Girl from "The Boys are Here"; Ten Thousand Miles Away (Willian); John Goss (Bartone) and Cathedral Male Voice Quartet with Piano.

7:15 Sydney Gustard at the Organ.

Music Box Medley—Intro.

Waltz from "The Lilac Domino"; If You Were the Only Girl from "The Boys are Here"; Ten Thousand Miles Away (Willian); John Goss (Bartone) and Cathedral Male Voice Quartet with Piano.

7:20 "The Empire at War"—On Mondays at 11 p.m.; reproductions on Tuesdays at 4:15 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. and on Wednesdays at 11 p.m.

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"Cards on the Table"—On Tuesdays 9:30 p.m.; reproductions on Wednesdays at 8 a.m. and 2:45 p.m.

"England Now"—On Tuesdays and Fridays at 11 p.m.; reproductions on the same days at 6:45 p.m. and on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 12:15 p.m. and 8 p.m.

"Matters of Moment"—On Wednesdays at 11 p.m.; reproductions on the same day at 6:45 p.m. and on Thursdays at 12:30 a.m. and 4:45 a.m.

"Background to the News"—On Thursdays at 11 p.m.; reproductions on Fridays at 9 a.m. and 2:45 p.m.

"World Affairs"—On Fridays at 9:30 p.m.; reproductions on the same day at 2:45 a.m. and on Saturdays at 12:30 p.m.

"London Log"—On Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.; reproductions on the same day at 11 p.m. and 6:45 a.m. and on Sundays at 12:30 p.m.

"Vive La France!"—On Thursdays at 9:30 p.m.; reproductions on the same day at 2:45 a.m. on Fridays at 11:45 a.m. and on Mondays at 2:45 p.m.

"Political India"—On Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.; reproductions on Thursdays at 2 p.m. and on Saturdays at 2:45 p.m.

"From the Western Front"—On Sundays at 9:15 a.m. 3:45 p.m. and 1:45 p.m.

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## DUTCH TROOPS CROSS BELGIAN FRONTIER

### Formation Of New Force Considered In London

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter)—Part of the Dutch forces who on Tuesday night were ordered to lay down their arms in order to spare the civilian population have now crossed into Belgium.

The Dutch troops will be re-armed in Belgium without delay.

The Netherlands Legation says that they will form the kernel of a new Dutch force which the Dutch Government in London is considering.

The greater part of the Dutch navy is at present in the Dutch East and West Indies. The part of the Dutch Navy which is in the North Sea is co-operating with the Allied navies.

It should be mentioned, says the Legation, that the Governor-General of the Dutch East Indies has at his disposal a well-equipped and trained army.

The air force there of bombers and fighters is of the newest American and Dutch models.

#### NAZISM DENOUNCED

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter)—"I and my people had always hoped that it would be possible to limit the extent of the European conflict, and that a responsible basis for a lasting peace could be established in the near future," declared Queen Wilhelmina at 9 p.m. yesterday in a broadcast to the British Empire.

"Today it appears that all our fervent prayers in favour of a common understanding between nations have proved futile. After the ruthless aggression against progressive and democratic Norway, an even more cynical, if possible, procedure was followed in respect of Holland and Belgium.

**UNSCRUPULOUS DESTRUCTION**  
Both countries had shown to the utmost their power and their steadfast determination to preserve neutrality and had offered more than once their good offices with the view to re-establishing contact between the belligerent powers which might have led to the cessation of hostilities.

"Today we have to admit that no happiness can be expected in this world if those who are solely responsible for the present situation are not definitely checked in their course of unscrupulous destruction and utter disregard of law and most elementary principles of morality."

#### HEROIC STRUGGLES

"After heroic struggles, my nation that has attempted everything to maintain peace is being over-powered by sheer force, but morally we can never be conquered. Our spirits will remain unbroken because our conscience is clear."

"I pray God that our allied cause may be blessed and that the dawn of the day, when freedom will be restored to the Netherlands and all other victims of general aggression be near."

#### FIRE FIGHTING VOLUNTEERS

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter)—Britain's fire fighting services are to be strengthened.

A scheme is to be introduced in which members of the public, working in small teams, will, in an emergency, act as firemen in their own streets.

Over 30,000 stirrup pumps will be issued for this purpose.

## Japanese Army Is Doomed TRAPPED ON ALL SIDES

CHUNGKING, May 16 (Reuter)—According to the latest Chinese field dispatches, the rout of the Japanese Army, which was trapped by superior Chinese forces in north-west Hankow on May 11, is now almost complete. Some 20,000 men are still encircled near Tsao- yang, making a desperate, but so far vain, effort to fight their way through the Chinese cordon. Meanwhile, two fresh Japanese brigades are advancing from the south, trying to relieve them.

The remainder of the Japanese force is stated to have fallen back in disorder towards the south-east after suffering heavy losses.

The Chinese High Command states that the Japanese base at Changtakwan was captured yesterday.

#### LADY KERR HELPS WAR WAIFS

CHUNGKING, May 16 (Central)—Lady Kerr, wife of the British Ambassador to China, yesterday called on Madame Chiang Kai-shek, China's First Lady, to present more than \$16,000, the proceeds realised from the showing of the picture "Snow White" May 1-3 at the Cathay Theatre, which she sponsored in aid of the National Association for the Care of War Waifs.

Madame Chiang expressed deep gratitude for the fund raised.

#### WHY THE DUTCH CAPITULATED

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter)—Rotterdam has been practically destroyed, and the fact that Utrecht was threatened with a similar fate was the last straw which forced the Dutch Commander-in-Chief to order his army to lay down arms.

This statement was made yesterday by Dutch circles in London.

On Tuesday morning the Dutch troops had re-occupied Rotterdam for the second time, but the city was so badly damaged that the people had to leave it.

Dutch circles in London also point out that the main water line from the Zuyder Zee down to the Maas was never broken.

The Germans who got into the country from the south threatened it from the rear.

He added that in the days to come Italy would not be taken by surprise whatever might be the events—certainly glorious—that the country rallied round Il Duce might have to face.

He referred to "the intolerable conditions" which he said were imposed on Italian sea borne.

He added that in the present war, contrary to the war of 1914-18, vessels were even stopped in non-belligerent territorial waters.

This he said limited and held up supplies for non-belligerents.

#### HITLER AND HIS FORCES

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter)—Hitler today addressed an order to his German troops in Holland.

He expressed to them his thanks and admiration.

"Within five days," he said, "you attacked a strong and well-prepared army who were stubbornly resisting behind seemingly unconquerable barriers and fortified lines, you eliminated their air force and finally forced them to capitulate."

"This unique accomplishment is of great military importance which will be proved in the future. Only by dint of your exemplary co-operation, the determined leadership and courage of the soldiers, particularly the heroes of the death-defying parachutists and landing troops, has this success been made possible."

#### U. S. NAVY INCREASE

WASHINGTON, May 16 (Reuter)

The Senate Naval Committee has issued a report endorsing the proposed 11 per cent. increase in the Navy and urging the modernisation of air, naval and submarine bases on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts.

The report says, "serious consideration should be given to the question of acquiring, if possible, places in the Caribbean area for additional United States naval bases. A fleet air base in the south-east corner of the Caribbean would undoubtedly add to the security of that area as well as to the ability of the United States fleet to insure the integrity of the Monroe Doctrine."

The Committee decided that the United States is not vulnerable to a direct attack by any means save those with which a thoroughly modern navy and air force can deal adequately."

## Ministerial Appointments In London

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter)—Further ministerial appointments announced last night include:

Sir Donald Somervell—Attorney General.

Sir William Jowitt—Solicitor General.

Viscount Cranborne—Paymaster General.

Mr. R. A. Butler—Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

Mr. G. H. Shakespeare—Under-Secretary for the Dominions.

Mr. G. H. Hall—Under-Secretary for the Colonies.

Mr. Harcourt Johnstone—Secretary for Overseas Trade.

Mr. Walter Womersley—Minister for Pensions.

Mr. W. S. Morrison—Postmaster General.

Mr. T. M. Cooper—Lord Advocate.

Capt. R. F. C. Crookshank—Financial Secretary to the Treasury.

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd—Secretary for Petroleum.

Capt. A. U. M. Hudson—Civil Lord of the Admiralty.

Parliamentary Secretaries

The following Parliamentary Secretaries are appointed:

Mr. James Ede—Education.

Capt. H. Macmillan—Supply.

Mr. T. Williams—Agriculture.

Mr. Robert Boothby—Food.

Col. J. J. Llewellyn—Aircraft Production.

Mr. William Mabane—Home Security.

Capt. Harold Balfour—Air.

Major Gwynn Lloyd—Board of Trade.

Sir Arthur Salter—Shipping.

Miss Florence Horsbrugh—Health.

## GENERAL

## JAPANESE TROOPS IN TSAOYANG HARASSED

### Chinese Units Relentlessly Pressing Attack

CHUNGKING, May 16 (Central)—Further Chinese successes over the hard-pressed Japanese in the Honan-Hueh border region are reported.

Sweeping down south along the Pelping-Hankow Railway, their recapture of Minkiang, 24 miles north of Sinyang, south Honan, the Chinese have regained Changtakwan, 10 and a half miles south of Minkiang. They are now vigorously pushing further south to attack Sinyang, the Japanese base of operations.

Meanwhile, in north Hupeh, the Chinese are tightening their grip on the Japanese at the Tsao- yang sector, 40 miles east of Sianyang. More important points around the town, including Tangtienchen, Chengchihao, Sanhochen, Taipingchen and Huyangchen, have reverted to Chinese control.

Shangkowchen, strategic point south of Sanhochen, has also been recaptured. With more than 10 tanks as the spearhead, the Japanese have counter-attacked twice without success.

#### UNIT SURROUNDED

A Japanese unit of about 1,000 men is surrounded northwest of Shangkowchen. Another unit besieged at Luyenchien has been wiped out. Japanese reinforcements rushing there have been thrown back. More than 10 artillery pieces were included in the Chinese war haul.

In central Hupeh the Chinese are attacking the Japanese at Yingshan, Kingshan and Chung- shang. A Japanese contingent withdrawn to Tienmen, 25 miles south of Kingshan, was subjected to a Chinese enveloping attack on May 14. The Chinese brought their artillery into action, heavily pounding the Japanese inside the town. The siege continues.

Military despatches from the Shansi front report that the Japanese base at Hotien, Chishan and Fengcheng have attacked the Chinese positions at Sianyang and Kihsten, in west Shansi, since May 10. The Chinese have resisted stubbornly and steadfastly held their ground.

#### STAGGERING LOSSES

In southeast Shansi the Chinese offensive on the Japanese in Tsinshui and Yangcheng continues. The Japanese sustained staggering losses.

In Honan the Chinese launched another lightning raid on the Japanese outside Kaifeng on May 10. A steel bridge on the Lung- hal Railway about two miles east of town was demolished. The 100 Japanese guards there were all slain.

On the same day the Chinese attacked the Japanese at Chin- shan, on the Pelping-Hankow Railway, southwest of Tangyin in north Honan.

### Left In The Lurch

#### WANG FINDS IT HARD GOING

CHUNGKING, May 16 (Central)—One-and-a-half months after the inauguration of the bogus Nanking government, Wang Ching-wei still fails to secure the co-operation of the various puppet cliques.

In spite of the re-organisation of the Pelping "Provisional Government" into the "North China Political Affairs Commission," the North China bogus regime under the leadership of Wang Keh-min is virtually "independent" of the bogus Nanking government, while few of the puppet officials in Kangsu, Chekiang, Canton and Hankow are willing to co-operate with Wang Ching-wei.

Wang Ching-wei himself last month made a flying tour to different places to negotiate with the puppets for co-operation, but without success. He recently sent Chow Fu-hai, one of his closest associates, to Hankow to smooth things over with the Japanese and puppet authorities, but it is understood that his trip has not brought about any satisfactory result.

#### Destroyer Damaged

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter)—The British destroyer, HMS Valentine, has been damaged in an air attack off the Dutch coast and has been beached, according to an Admiralty communiqué.

Details of the casualties have not yet been received but they are believed to be slight.

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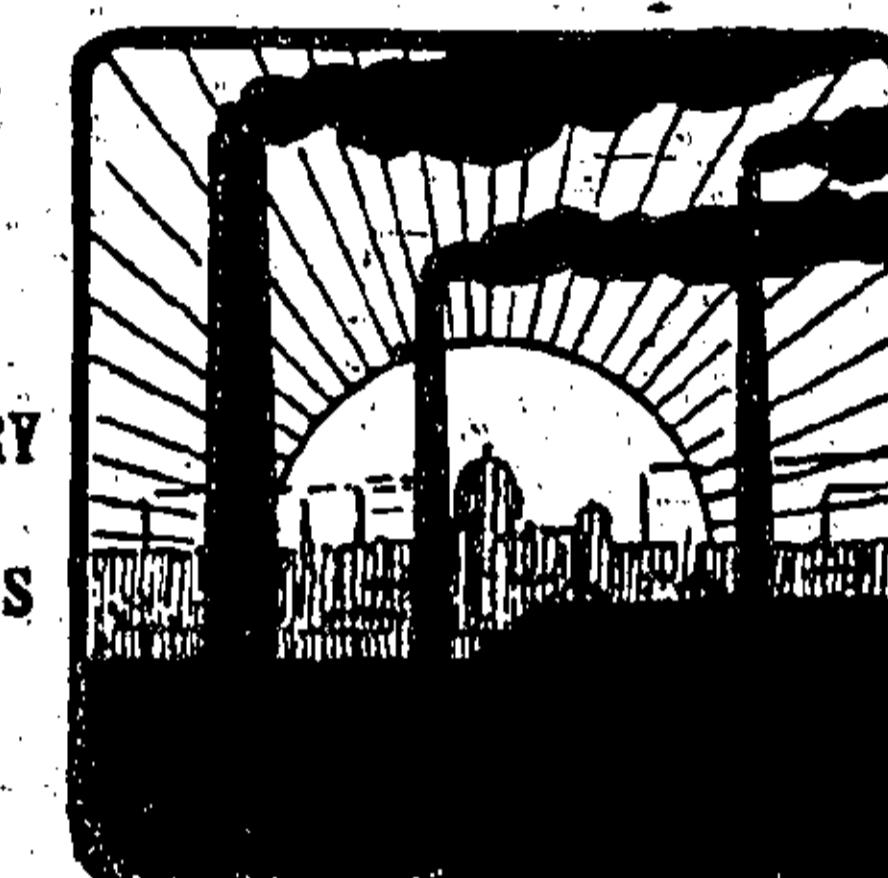
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## Assistant Compradore Questioned

### CLAIM AGAINST SHEWAN, TOMEs

Wong Sun-yu, assistant compradore of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Company, was cross-examined at length by Mr. D. McCallum in the Summary Court yesterday when an action for \$1,000 damages for alleged breach of contract was brought against the Company by the Kow Chow firm.

Mr. McCallum, representing the plaintiffs, said the action arose out of two contracts dated Feb. 10, 1938 by which the defendants agreed to sell and deliver to the plaintiffs 30 and 70 cases respectively of window glass.

Defendants failed to deliver 50 cases, as a result of which the plaintiff suffered damages through having to purchase the glass in the market at a price higher than the contract price.

Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co. who were represented by Mr. W. A. Mackinlay, counter-claimed for \$236.79. It was alleged that plaintiffs refused or neglected to take delivery of the 50 cases within seven days of their arrival, as stated in the contracts, and in consequence defendants resold them and suffered a loss.

**USUALLY EXTENDED**  
Lai Yat-chow, manager of the plaintiff firm, stated that although it was stated in the contracts that delivery was to be effected within seven days of the arrival of the goods, yet in actual practice the period was usually extended.

Lai said he received one letter in June, 1938 from the defendants requesting him to take delivery of the goods that were still outstanding. There was no mention that it was the intention to sell the goods. To do so, defendants must notify him or obtain his consent.

Wong Sun-yu, assistant compradore of the defendant firm, said that extensions of the time of delivery were sometimes made.

Witness said that plaintiff had said the difficulty of finding buyers after the fall of Canton was the reason why he did not take delivery of the goods. Plaintiff stated he would sell at the best price he could get. Witness stated that when plaintiff said that the latter meant that he himself witness or the broker could sell the goods.

Mr. McCallum read a letter written by the defendants to plaintiffs' solicitors in December, 1938 saying that the goods were sold at the best price because they could not communicate with the plaintiffs, and asked why this was so. Witness said he was in communication with the plaintiffs at the time, and in fact gave him delivery of goods in January, 1939.

Witness said that plaintiffs' authorisation to him to sell the goods was not known to the Company till later when he informed them.

Hearing was adjourned till May 28 at 2.30 p.m.

### WANTED CHEAPER SMOKE

A quarrel between an opium divan keeper and one of his customers had a sequel at Kowloon Court yesterday when the divan-keeper, Ho Hon-wan, 45, was sentenced to a month with hard labour for attacking his customer, Lei Cham-mui, 31, a coolie, with a pair of scissors.

The quarrel, it was stated in Court, originated from complainant having annoyed defendant by asking for a smoke at 10 cents while the regular price was double that.

Complainant had had one smoke at 20 cents and then asked for the special rate. That annoyed the divan keeper. He is to be recommended for expulsion from the Colony.

### WHEN HIS VICTIM WAS SLEEPING

Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was passed by Mr. E. Hinsworth at Kowloon Court yesterday on Ng Fo, 42, convicted of stealing \$4 from Y.C.A. Nukkelsen, owner of a Danish vessel in port, as he was sleeping in a chair at "T" Pier near the Star Ferry Wharf early yesterday morning.

A Chinese constable saw defendant approach Nukkelsen and come away. Suspecting larceny, he detained defendant, and searched him finding the \$4 which Nukkelsen later identified as his own.

## H. E. & LADY NORTHCOTE

### SHORT LEAVE TO BE SPENT IN CEYLON

Acting under medical advice, His Excellency the Governor is taking short leave of absence from the Colony. Sir Geoffrey and Lady Northcote, attended by Captain S. H. Batty-Smith, intend to proceed in the first instance to a hill-station in Ceylon, their subsequent movements being guided by circumstances.

His Excellency's departure will be unofficial; he and Lady Northcote will arrive at Queen's Pier in order to take leave of their friends at 9.45 a.m. on Sunday next, May 19.

### Volunteer Concert

### H.E. THE GOVERNOR TO ATTEND

The annual concert and presentation of prizes by His Excellency the Governor will take place at Volunteer Defence Corps this evening, when a very attractive programme has been arranged. Prize winners this year as follows:

Nathan Cup (Efficiency): Field Coy. Engineers.

Bird Cup (Marksmanship): Corps Signals.

Lugard Cup (M.G.): No. 5 Coy. Governor's Trophy: 1st Battery Artillery Cup: "A" Detachment 1st Battery.

Champion Trophy: Gar. Smith (1st Battery).

Battery Commander's Cup: Bdr. Dragon (3rd Battery).

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

## NOTICE

The MAY HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of VOTING MEMBERS will be held at the Club House, Happy Valley, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at 5.30 p.m.

ALL MEMBERS are cordially invited to attend and participate in any discussion which may ensue.

By Order of the Stewards,  
C. B. BROWN;  
Secretary.  
Hong Kong, 17th May, 1940.

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

## NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Certificate No. 16138 for 50 shares Nos. 73004/73053 issued on 2nd February, 1932 and Certificate No. 19273 for 16 shares Nos. 468410/468425, issued on 11th March, 1936, in the name of CHEUNG SUNG PUN have been declared LOST and should the same not be produced before 3rd JUNE, 1940, they shall be deemed CANCELLED and of NO EFFECT.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.  
Agents.  
Hong Kong, 16th May, 1940.

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CHINESE ESTATES, LIMITED.

## FIRST INTERIM DIVIDEND.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a FIRST INTERIM DIVIDEND for the year ending the 28th February, 1941, of three per cent, that is \$3.00 per share, will be paid on all shares in this Company on Saturday, the 1st June, 1940, at the Company's Office at China Building, 5th floor.

The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from the 29th to the 31st May, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
CHUNG YAM TING,  
Acting Secretary.

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THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.  
General Managers,  
Hong Kong, 16th April, 1940.

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## NOTICE.

BANQUE BELGE POUR L'ETRANGER  
(Extreme-Orient) S.A.

Under general license No. 10 granted by the United States Government the Banque Belge pour l'Etanger (Extreme-Orient) S.A. is now authorized to dispose freely of all its assets in the United States and therefore to carry on business as usual with the United States of America.

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G. S. R.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant), will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

| No. of Sale<br>Registry No.<br>Lot No. 4277. | Boundary<br>Measurements<br>ft. ft. ft. ft.                                      | Locality<br>Kowloon Inland<br>Lot No. 4277. | Contents in<br>Square feet<br>8 | Annual<br>Rental<br>\$ | Upset Price<br>\$ | Boundary<br>Measurements<br>N. S. E. W.<br>ft. ft. ft. ft. |                  |                |  |
|--|--|---|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--|------------------|----------------|--|
|  |  |   |                                 |                        |                   | Square<br>feet   | Annual<br>Rental | Upset<br>Price |  |
| 1  | Kowloon Inland<br>Argyle Street,<br>adjoining<br>Kowloon Inland<br>Lot No. 4277. | As per<br>sale plan                         | About<br>12,900                 | 138                    | 9,600             |  |                  |                |  |

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## ADVERTISEMENTS

## THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Fifty-Ninth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 22nd May, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 8th May, to the 2nd May, 340, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,  
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HONGKONG, MAY 17, 1940.

## The Japanese And Fairness

DISCUSSING the Philippine Immigrant Bill, which was recently passed by the Legislature of the Commonwealth and which "closes the doors of the Philippine Islands to the free access of their fellow brothers in China and Japan," the Colony's latest newspaper venture, the Hong Kong News, in its issue of May 12, touches a new peak of aggrieved innocence and sentimental jounalism. After slating the people of the Philippine people for attempting to bring in this discrimination against the Chinese and Japanese who "have been playing a leading role in the economic development of the Islands" and citing the prosperity of Davao as being "largely attributed to Japanese genius," the writer concludes by stating that, while deeply sympathetic with the people of the Philippines for their racial pride, "we cannot but look askance on the measure which amounts to racial tyranny and which is so alien to the Eastern standard of fairness."

IF THE PEOPLE of the Philippine Islands are to judge Eastern standards of fairness by Japan's conduct and behaviour in the so-called "China Incident," one hesitates to state what their reactions would be. With nothing but a long list of misdeeds and misdemeanors committed by their troops—a list which vies for place with the hideous Nazi crimes against civilisation being committed on the continent of Europe—one cannot but be staggered by the banalities regarding fairness which now fall from our Japanese contemporary. If the term fairness is to be applied anywhere, it must be given to the people of the Philippines themselves, who have not sought to discriminate against the Japanese only, but have included the victims of Japanese aggression in their measure.

However, drastic the effect of this may be on Chinese, who have many interests in the Islands, they are not likely to take the matter in such an aggrieved manner as the Japanese want people to understand they do. They are more alive to the needs of the development of their own vast country and have set about this already in a manner that has brought admiration from all quarters of the world. Insp. H. W. Fraser, of the S.C.A. who prosecuted, said that No. 2 S.C.A. sent the ward to the Central Court yesterday with falling to notify the S.C.A. when bringing the ward into the Colony and possession of the ward. The defendants, Wong Sap-y and Wong Sap-san, were remanded until today.

THE VICIOUS NATURE of the economic weapon which Japan is ready to wield to her own advantage is well-known and the Philippine people cannot be blamed for wanting to secure their country against such rapacious methods. The Japanese have yet to show that what they desire in their trading relations with other countries is co-operation with the people and that it will not be followed by the attempts to rob their neighbours not only of their economic interests, but also of their liberty and independence. It is Japan who must first

## BLENHEIM BOMBERS

## CHINA'S SUCCESSES IN HUPEH-HONAN FRONT

## Collapse Of Japanese Invasion Is Brought Nearer

CHUNGKING, May 16 (Central)—Shanghai Chinese papers continue to play up the Chinese victory in Hupeh and Honan.

Commenting upon the Chinese success, the Shun Pao, one of the oldest Chinese dailies, says that Japan's defeat has not been accidental. The cause of the Chinese victory, the daily opines, is threefold. First, the Chinese generals are well familiar with the Japanese encircling tactics and know how to deal with it. Secondly, the hilly terrain and maze of lakes and rivers in Hupeh and Honan are unfavourable to the Japanese. Thirdly, the Japanese troops have a poor morale.

## Chinese Take Changtaikwan

## STRATEGIC POINT CAPTURED

CHUNGKING, May 16 (Reuter)—Chinese forces captured Changtaikwan, Japanese base on the Pinhan railway, yesterday noon, a Chinese High Command communiqué claims.

"The Nanyang-Koshan, also the Nanyang-Sinyang highways are now cleared of Japanese troops," the statement adds. "The Chinese have captured Tungshiencheng, strategic point on the highway between Shangyang and Huayuan."

"On the highway between Hankow and Ichang, the Chinese are attacking Tienmencheng. About 40,000 Japanese troops are at present surrounded in the vicinity of Tsao-ying with the Chinese steadily closing in. The Japanese rushed two brigades from points on the lower Yangtze River to reinforce troops surrounded north-west of Hankow."

"General Itagaki, Chief-of-Staff of the Japanese Forces in China, is reported to have arrived in Hankow to personally direct operations in view of the desperate situation of the Japanese there."

## KUNMING RAID

SHANGHAI, May 16 (Reuter)—Two Japanese squadrons raided Kunming and Kweiyang yesterday morning, according to the Sinwan-pao, which adds that details are not yet available.

## ARMS TRANSIT

TOKYO, May 16 (Reuter)—The transit of arms to China through French Indo-China, which has been suspended for some time as the result of the Japanese aerial attack on the Yunnan railway, has been resumed following completion of repairs, according to information reaching Tokyo.

It is estimated that 18,450 tons of goods, including munitions, have been transported to China through French Indo-China, 8,000 tons by the Yunnan Railway and 7,450 tons by the Kwangtung route.

## MEUSE PROBLEM

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we are face to face with a situation of a serious nature which would be folly to underestimate but which is, by no means, desperate. Far worse damage was suffered and repaired in the last war."

"Discussing the Empire's reaction to Germany's latest outrage The Times says: "The joint contribution of the overseas Empire to the common effort has already been considerable and very much greater than the Germans believe possible."

After pointing out that the men have shown the same qualities as in the last war, The Times concludes, "Forces are being organised, especially by the great Empire Air Training scheme which will prove decisive when they can be thrown into the scale."

## HOPE IN VAIN

"It is partly this fact that moved Hitler to stake so much upon his gambler's throw in Scandinavia and the Low Countries in the hope of forcing a victory before the nations of the British Empire can make a full contribution to the common cause. It is a hope which will be made in vain by the bravery and tenacity of the Allied forces now bearing the brunt of the attack."

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter)—The German High Command announces that the capitulation of the Dutch Army was signed at 11 a.m. yesterday by the responsible Commanders-in-Chief.

## BLAST BELGIUM-BOUND BOCHES

## QUICK BLOW BY AIR FORCE CRIPPLES THE GERMAN ADVANCE

## Mobile Column Severely Battered Into Immobile Mass

LONDON, May 16 (BRITISH WIRELESS)—Details of the devastating daylight attack by British bombers on an enemy mechanised column, several miles long, may now be given. In the early stages of the German invasion of Belgium, large enemy concentrations were reported to be moving forward through the frontier town of Maastricht.

A strong force of Blenheim bombers was at once despatched with orders to find the enemy's leading column and delay its advance. It located the column on the road leading from Maastricht towards Tongres.

The column, a moving mass of small tanks, armoured cars and motor transports loaded with troops, stretched nearly five miles and was progressing steadily at a speed of about 20 to 25 miles per hour. The tanks were leading and the long line of vehicles, mostly bunches at the Maastricht end of the road, gradually thinned towards Tongres where they were some 20 yards apart.

## BRIDGES DESTROYED

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter)—The Air Ministry announced that in the Allied air attack in the Sedan area yesterday, several pontoon bridges at the crossings of the Meuse were destroyed.

Later over 150 Allied aircraft attacked the crossings and the main lines of advancing reinforcements.

Four bridges were destroyed, tank and troops concentrations were broken up and roads were blocked.

The German advance in the Sedan area was halted by this operation and the French were enabled to launch a vigorous counter-attack.

## ALLIES SCORE

Throughout the day extensive bombing operations were also carried out on other parts of the battle front. Considerable damage was inflicted on the enemy and enemy fighters were accounted for.

During the night bombing raids were carried out in Germany on the enemy's lines of communication with the anti-Japanese riots in Lima.

The Foreign Office spokesman, Mr. Suma, stated at the press conference that according to a report from the Japanese Charge d'Affaires in Lima, riots aimed at the exclusion of Japanese residents had broken out there and the occurrence of such an affair was mainly regrettable in view of the friendship which hitherto marked Japanese-Peruvian relations.

Reconnaissance patrols have flown along the Dutch coast where many wrecked aircraft are seen on beaches and fields round The Hague.

## Germans Suffer Heavy Losses In Tanks

## Hitler's Best Troops Used In The Sedan Push

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter)—German attacks on Allied positions are continuing without respite on a line right through Belgium and down the French frontier near Luxembourg.

In operations on this scale it is always difficult to get a clear up-to-date picture but statements made by responsible quarters in London and Paris have given an outline of the positions late yesterday afternoon.

The Dutch province of Zeeland is still in Allied hands. Over the frontier in Belgium, Antwerp is the bastion of the British left flank.

Further south the Allies are holding positions covering Brussels on the line down to Namur.

The German attacks are heavy have crossed the river and built some bridges.

The French counter-attacked with varying success.

The situation does not appear bad, said a French spokesman yesterday.

The Germans crossed the river at Sedan on Tuesday. It is said that they used the best troops of the German Army for the push.

As a result they have a four or five mile salient in this sector.

The French fortifications here are not really part of the Maginot Line although they are sometimes referred to as such.

The Germans have dented the fortified zone at Sedan but they have yet to meet the main defences.

POSITION CONSOLIDATED

The French have consolidated their position by counter-attacking and driving some of the Germans into the river.

The counter attack, however, was not completely successful and thus a five mile salient remains.

Fighting is still in progress but if the position does not change the enemy is in a not too favourable position with their forces massed with the river right at their backs.

A French spokesman said that all the necessary units were in this sector.

## CROSSED RIVER

Here the German advance guards

## BRITISH STUDENTS LEAVE ROME

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter)—Students of English, Scottish and Canadian colleges in Rome left this morning for home.

Italians in Turkey and Egypt are leaving and private interests are being liquidated in Cairo and Turkish cities.

## CABLES

## ALLIES DO NOT NEED LESSON IN COURAGE

## M. Leon Blum Speaks At British Labour Meeting

BOURNEMOUTH, May 16 (Reuter)—"I do not know what will happen to capitalism if we lose the war but I do know what will happen to socialism if Hitler triumphs," said M. Leon Blum, French Socialist Leader and former Premier, in a speech at the resumed conference here yesterday of the Labour Party.

French could see no difference between Communists and Nazis. Indeed, it is a fact that Nazi planes dropped Communist pamphlets over France.

"The French and British peoples did not need a lesson in courage. They want calm energy and prompt resolve so that they would not be broken in their resistance to Hitler," he concluded.

## Power Of German Reich Put To Supreme Test In Battle Of Belgium

## Dutch Defeat Examined By The Daily Mail

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter)—The DAILY TELEGRAPH, in an article headed "War to the Utmost," says it is now clear that Hitler has decided to put the power of the Nazi Reich to the supreme test in the battle of Belgium and the Meuse.

The paper comments: "Neither in France, nor in this country, is there any illusion of veiling the formidable task before our armies. Such an effort means a hard and furious struggle and we must be prepared for vicissitudes.

"It means also there is an equal certainty that the leaders of the Nazi Reich will find it necessary to strive every nerve for a decision now."

Anti-aircraft fire is stated to have accounted for four other enemy aircraft.

A German air gunner, who baled out of a crashing Dornier, landed in a village where 18 civilians, mostly women, were killed by bombs yesterday. R. A. F. guard had to shield him from the anger of the villagers.

The DAILY MAIL considers that the Dutch defeat was due to the failure to build an adequate air force and states that, if we had equality in numbers with Germany in the air, the issue of the Meuse battle "would not be in a moment's doubt."

## Louvain Again Sacrifices

PARIS, May 16 (Reuter)—Louvain, whose irreplaceable intellectual treasures were burned by the Germans in 1914, is again passing through martyrdom, according to a French correspondent with the Belgian armies.

Louvain is a city a short distance east of Brussels.

The correspondent writes that the results achieved by the German air force against purely military objectives are in no way discouraging to the Allied armies whose concentrations are proceeding without damage and in perfect order.

## MURDERED CHILDREN

But the brutal tactics of terrorising the civilian population and massacring without mercy show that the German troops are more than ever faithful to the pitiless precepts of Karl von Clausewitz.

The correspondent says that there was distress on the faces of Americans who accompanied him at Louvain at the sight of houses gutted by aerial torpedoes and the bodies of murdered women and children.

Louvain was largely rebuilt through American generosity.

## BATTLE RAGING IN SEDAN

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter)—Competent military circles in London state that the Allied left flank in Belgium will now be resting on the bastion of Antwerp and the river Scheldt.

Continuing south the Allies are holding a position covering Brussels and attacks which are heavy in some places are developing.

The most serious fighting is at Sedan where the Germans crossed the river and are in possession of a portion of the defensive zone thereabouts.

It is denied that the Maginot Line has been turned or broken.

Sedan does not form part of the Maginot Line and it is understood that Zeeland is still in our hands.

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## YOUR HALL SHOULD LOOK STYLISH

FIRST IMPRESSIONS are often lasting ones, so while you are fixing up your home, perhaps you should look at your hall.

Does it tell a casual visitor that the rest of the house is tastefully furnished? Does it make a guest welcome, or is it just a place where you hang hats and coats?

How much furniture to put in a hall depends entirely, of course, upon its size.

Use the Minimum  
If it is undersized it shouldn't be overloaded with massive furni-

ture or it will look even smaller. Use the minimum of furnishings—perhaps a small console table with mirror above it and one chair alongside.

If you have a large hall and a grandfather's clock by all means use them together. The clock is an ideal sentry to greet guests upon entering.

If you have a large hall closet you might convert it into a powder room, which is found in so many of the smartest homes to-day.

Mayo's, in the Arcade, have put on a grand display of a new shipment of summer goods which include a wide range of hats for the season in really chic styles and dressy models which set off the season's fashions to such advantage.

Mayo's are also offering a fine selection of washing day and evening dresses at half price—all fashionably designed and cut to suit all tastes.

Press Promptly.—It seems wasteful to heat your iron for every little seam, but "press as you go" should be your rule. You can't press a front dart properly, for instance, once the shoulder seam is stitched. Cottons may themselves be dampened. Press other fabrics under a damp cloth, except some articles which won't stand wet heat.

Set in Sleeves Saggingly.—The sleeve should always be a trifle

wider than the armhole and slightly eased in. Remember this when making the sleevehead pleats and when fitting sleeve and pleats.

Bind Beautifully.—Most garments are bound somewhere, so learn to do it really well. In filmy materials, such as nylon, cut the binding 13 in. wide and double it lengthwise. Seam the double raw edge to the garment; then you'll find the fold so simple to slipstitch down on the wrong side.

Have help with hems, if possible. It's so much easier. Put on the dress, having pinned up few inches to the correct length. Your helper holds a yardstick upright on the floor and marks it where it touches the pinned-up bit. Then she goes all round you, pinning the hem to the same height.

Finish Fastidiously.—Overcasting or binding of seam edges, dress shields in armholes, lingerie holders inside the shoulder seams to keep your undie straps from slipping down, a final careful pressing—remember all of these.

### WEIGHT & HEALTH:

## HOW TO ATTAIN THAT STREAMLINED FIGURE

SUMMER is the time when women, suddenly bereft of enveloping coats, are often appalled by what has happened to their figures and reminded, unhappily, of the "wrong" picture in a "right-wrong" corset advertisement.

Tailored frocks, which look so slick and smart on the dummies, reveal a distressing number of bumps, bulges and, worst of all, the familiar hip spread.

FRANTIC RUN on the beauty and in which involves a good deal of stretching in itself, she is coaxed to perform a series of slow (and consequently difficult) exercises. Each one is designed to use a specific muscle. Each person presents an individual problem and exercises are planned accordingly. The object in every case is not muscular development but good "music tone" all over.

None Too Soon:

So, on the assumption that it takes at least a month to get in fighting trim, today is none too soon to start a course of exercise. To start a course, that is, if the doctor approves; weight and health are so closely tied together that the family physician usually likes to have his say before any alteration programme is undertaken.

The consensus of experts is that a pound a week is plenty to lose. The next point generally agreed upon by authorities is that the best way to trim down is to do a little bit of everything, with exercise and diet the two most important factors.

Revolutionary Change:

Exercise has undergone one revolutionary change in the past few years. Briefly, the old idea of the military drill, a good sweat and the resultant collapse, has been abandoned. A carefully planned series of slow, non-taxing movements has been substituted. The principle is stretching: the kind done on waking from a sound sleep.

The first problem tackled is posture. After the "patient" has achieved the correct stance, back flat against the wall, stomach up



disturb  
your sleep

'OVALTINE' is a delicious, beverage and one which is quickly and easily digested. It has special properties which make milk easily digestible, too, and therefore more completely assimilated. 'OVALTINE' is also very economical because so little is needed for each cupful. Start the 'OVALTINE' habit to-night; drink it regularly—and note the difference.

SLEEP should be peaceful and restful, undisturbed by the difficulties and anxieties of the day. Only by such deep and refreshing sleep can you maintain the vitality and poise which you need to carry on your work efficiently, particularly now, when wartime conditions have heavily increased your problems and responsibilities...

By far the best way to enjoy this restorative sleep is to drink a cup of 'OVALTINE' just before you go to bed. Wide experience proves that 'OVALTINE' has outstanding advantages as a bed-time beverage. It brings sleep of the Right Kind — sleep which restores energy and renews the tired cells and tissues of body, brain and nerves.

Moreover, 'OVALTINE' possesses exceptional nerve-restoring properties. This is because new-laid eggs are an important ingredient, and eggs are the chief source of lecithin—a vital nerve-building element. NO TONIC FOOD BEVERAGE WOULD BE COMPLETE WITHOUT EGGS.

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## WOMEN'S INTERESTS

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### Round The Shops

SUMMER SALES are now in full swing and all the Colony's leading fashion houses are attracting a host of women and vie with each other in grand displays of summer wear. Colours for sports and day wear are much in demand this season. Let's take a look around—Cool & Attractive:

DELIGHTFULLY COOL for wear and certainly most attractive are the sports outfits which Lane, Crawford's are showing this week. Turned out by Morley in Terry towelling are some of the smartest sports shirts in a varied range of colours of navy, sage blue, yellow and in plain white. These are real bargains for summer wear and there is a large assortment from which buyers can make their selections.

Smart Styles:

RIVELLE, in the Arcade, starts her Early Summer Sale from tomorrow. She has the daintiest and smartest models for morning, afternoon and evening wear in a choice selection of designs and evening wear in a choice selection of designs and materials. In addition, Rivelé has some really distinctive styles in slacks and beach wear, which are sure to find ready buyers. Picturesque summer hats form another attractive line at \$5 each—wonderful bargain.

New Goods:

MAYO'S, in the Arcade, have put on a grand display of a new shipment of summer goods which include a wide range of hats for the season in really chic styles and dressy models which set off the season's fashions to such advantage.

Mayo's are also offering a fine selection of washing day and evening dresses at half price—all fashionably designed and cut to suit all tastes.

### Hints For The Amateur Dressmaker

#### IMPORTANCE OF PROPER CUTTING

HERE is useful advice for amateur dressmakers from professional designers and millinery experts:

Prepare Properly.—Test your pattern and make any alterations now, not on the garment. Have a good supply of pins and really sharp cutting-out scissors. Match your material in sewing cotton; a shade darker works in better than a shade lighter.

Cut Out Carefully.—A large surface is essential. If your table isn't big enough, push two smaller ones together. Or have a piece of beaverboard, 3 ft. by 2 ft., to lay across your ironing board, which is nicely high and saves stooping. The board can stand flat against a wall when not in use.

Tack Thoroughly.—This saves time in the end. Before removing the pattern pieces, go all round them on the double material with tailor-tacking, which marks both surfaces at once. Just tack with double cotton, leaving every other stitch as a long loop on the surface. Gently pull the two thicknesses apart and cut the thread between them. Mark all notches and pleats, too.

Fuss over fit to get real smartness. The lengthwise weave of the stuff must run straight down centre-front and centre-back, and the crosswise weave go evenly round bust and hips. Fit at the shoulders first; the whole frock hangs from here. All dresses should fit closely from the neck just above the bust line.

Stitch Seams Securely.—It is usually best to work from the top of a seam (judging by its position when worn) downwards. Tack before stitching all seams except those in cotton, for otherwise woollens stretch and silks wriggle out of position.

Press Promptly.—It seems wasteful to heat your iron for every little seam, but "press as you go" should be your rule. You can't press a front dart properly, for instance, once the shoulder seam is stitched. Cottons may themselves be dampened. Press other fabrics under a damp cloth, except some articles which won't stand wet heat.

Set in Sleeves Saggingly.—The sleeve should always be a trifle



NAVY POLKA DOTS ON A SNOWY WHITE BACKGROUND is the theme in Joan Blondell's two-piece play suit pictured above. The shorts are topped by a knee-length coat featuring an inset waist and a flared skirt. The hood can be thrown over the head when the sun is strong to protect the hair.

larger than the armhole and slightly eased in. Remember this when making the sleevehead pleats and when fitting sleeve and pleats.

Bind Beautifully.—Most garments are bound somewhere, so learn to do it really well. In filmy materials, such as nylon, cut the binding 13 in. wide and double it lengthwise. Seam the double raw edge to the garment; then you'll find the fold so simple to slipstitch down on the wrong side.

Have help with hems, if possible. It's so much easier. Put on the dress, having pinned up few inches to the correct length. Your helper holds a yardstick upright on the floor and marks it where it touches the pinned-up bit. Then she goes all round you, pinning the hem to the same height.

Finish Fastidiously.—Overcasting or binding of seam edges, dress shields in armholes, lingerie holders inside the shoulder seams to keep your undie straps from slipping down, a final careful pressing—remember all of these.

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BIG ASSORTMENT

OR

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COLOURS: NAVY — YELLOW  
WHITE — BLUE

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### SHIRT - BLOUSE STYLE

### Shirt Dress DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN



THE SHIRT DRESS is here again, and usually with a turned-down collar and short sleeves. It is often in black and is worn with a gay belt.

Afternoon: Afternoon dresses and others are sometimes made of black silk with brilliant stripes. These are gathered here and there, so that all the colour is assembled to contrast with the black.

Evening: Evening dresses are made some-times made of black silk with brilliant stripes. These are gathered here and there, so that all the colour is assembled to contrast with the black.

For evenings there are many stripes of this kind and some beautiful grey and yellow striped lames.

Evening: Evening dresses are made really low, and then become high again by means of a coat. Some dinner-dresses are high and worn with a long flowing coat.

One model shows a dinner-dress in beautiful black and white figured crepe, worn with a long black coat, with hand-embroidered collar and buttons.

It has a sash which matches the lining of the coat.

Evening dresses are subdued for the moment, but they are made of much varied and rich materials.

### TRY THESE SUGGESTIONS

#### Washing Silk:

WHEN WHITE SILK GARMENTS are washed a little methylated spirits should be added to the rinsing-water. The garments should then be squeezed by hand, wrapped in clean towels and ironed while still damp. Shantung silk garments should not be ironed until they are perfectly dry. If any damp places are left they will give the silk a mottled appearance.

#### Furniture:

THE FOLLOWING is an excellent mixture for removing scratches from furniture. Mix equal parts of linseed oil and turpentine, dip a flannel into it and rub well into the scratched parts.

Polish with a soft duster and you will find the scratches will be almost invisible.

#### Soap Economy:

HOW TO ECONOMIZE WITH SOAP.—Buy it some time before it is wanted for use, the longer the better. Cut it up into suitable-sized pieces and store it in a dry place to harden and dry.

#### Straw Matting:

STRAW MATTING can be cleaned by wiping it over with a coarse cloth dipped in salt and water. Then wipe it dry. You will find that the salt prevents the matting from turning yellow.

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## LAMMERTS' AUCTIONS

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions

to sell by

## PUBLIC AUCTION

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Friday, the 17th May, 1940

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1 Teakwood Bed Room Suite  
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On View from Thursday, the 16th  
May, 1940.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.  
AUCTIONEERS.GERMAN CLAIMS  
UNTRUE

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter)—Denying German claims of successes at sea, the Admiralty states that no British warship had been sunk or set on fire, or seriously damaged since the German invasion of the Low Countries, with the exception of the submarine *Seal*.

German claims of losses or serious damage by air attack to transports and merchant ships are equally untrue. No mishap has befallen any British transport or supply ship during the Netherlands campaign.

MORE GERMAN  
FALSEHOODS

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter)—Allegations from German sources are circulating in Japan that large numbers of British tourists from Malaya are landing in the Dutch East Indies. These tourists are said to be British soldiers, with many officers among them, and are compared to the German tourists who were the advance guard of the German invasion of Norway.

It is authoritatively stated here that these German stories are wholly false. No British soldiers, either in uniform or civilian clothing are landing or have landed anywhere in the Dutch East Indies.

## WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory  
10 a.m., May 16.  
Barometer (at sea level), 29.95 ins.  
Temperature, 84 F.  
Humidity, 78 per cent.  
Wind Direction, SW/S  
Wind Force (Beaufort), 2.  
Temperature; maximum yesterday,  
88 F.

Temperature; minimum last night,  
80 F.

Rainfall; for 24 hrs. ending 10th  
today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st  
23.98 ins.

Against an average of, 15.80 ins.

Sunset tonight, 6.56 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 5.42 a.m.

4 p.m., May 16.

Barometer (at sea level); 29.77 ins.

Temperature, 88 F.

Humidity, 73 per cent.

Wind Direction SSW.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.

Maximum temperature, 87 F.

Minimum temperature, 80 F.

Rainfall, nil.

EUROPEAN FEDERATION  
OF SMALL NATIONS  
— THE BRENNER TALK

So anxious are the small nations of Europe to stay at peace and keep what trade they have, that the way has now been prepared for a tacit European federation—embracing all but the Allies, the Low Countries, and Turkey.

## ANTITHESIS

Undemocratic, a brotherhood of fear, it represented the antithesis of what the democracies hope will emerge from the war, and had in the seeds of defeat little choice in the matter.

The great cereal bowl of the Danube sends Germany in peace time some 50% of its produce, and though blockade and winter have so far hampered movement, the German demand has greatly increased since war began. Almost exclusively agricultural, the Balkans depend in turn on Germany for industrial goods.

Every Balkan nation lives in fear of some sort of revisionist aggression. Caught in a triangle more tragic than any dramatist could invent, Central Europe depends on Germany, fears Russia, looks to Italy for police protection. After the Finnish collapse, Scandinavia too fell under the strategic hegemony of the totalitarian powers.

## BRENNER TALKS

To capitalize on the possibility for such a convenient brand of European federation, Hitler invited Il Duce to Brenner. There are good grounds to believe that Herr Hitler proposed:

Reaffirmation of the Axis.

tier.

What Mussolini replied was not divulged. But it was very strongly hinted in Rome last week that certain of the points were distasteful to Italy, and that the whole idea of extending and bending the Axis was not well received.

## FINANCE &amp; GENERAL

NORTH BORNEO  
CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE

At the monthly Committee meeting of the North Borneo Chamber of Commerce held in the Sandakan Club, Sandakan, details of wages paid to male and female labourers furnished at the request of the Chamber by leading employers of labour on the East Coast, were tabled.

A letter from the Manager, British Borneo Timber Co. Ltd., Sandakan, dated April 8, 1940, was read, explaining that in order to prevent the extra cost of living allowance being dissipated in gambling or otherwise, his Company is arranging that same shall take the form of a voucher for foodstuffs on the Kedals at their Camps, and that the Kedals are being warned that only foodstuffs may be supplied against such vouchers.

A letter from the Acting Protector of Labour, Jesselton, dated April 13, 1940, enclosing a cost of living form drawn up by the Dutch Labour Bureau for calculating quarterly cost of living figures for immigrant Javanese labourers, was read, and the Secretary was instructed in the matter.

A letter from the Chief Censor, Jesselton, dated April 15, 1940, was read, stating that open Consignees' covers (duly stamped) may be placed in a ship's mail box for censorship and posting at the next port of call, provided that the next port of call is British or Allied where the censorship is in operation.

VOCATIONAL  
EDUCATION

CHUNGKING, May 16 (Central)—The National Government has approved of the petition of the Ministry of Education to add \$400,000 to the budgetary estimate for vocational education. The original estimate was fixed at \$800,000. It is understood that more vocational schools will be opened.

WELLES WANTS  
MORE TIME

WASHINGTON, May 16 (Reuter)—The Argentine Foreign Minister's proposal to turn Pan-American neutrality into "non-belligerency" was discussed yesterday by Dr. Espi, the Argentine Ambassador, and Mr. Sumner Welles.

It is understood that Mr. Sumner Welles was most reserved and expressed a desire to have more time to study the proposal.

It is pointed out that United States neutrality is a matter determined by the Congress, and it is most difficult for President Roosevelt to partake in any discussion on a new aspect of neutrality without considering the question of fresh legislation by Congress.

The Argentine proposal, nevertheless, is attracting great attention here.

MONEY AND  
EXCHANGE  
CLOSING QUOTATIONS

MAY 16, 1940.

On London:—  
Telegraphic Transfer, 12 1/2/16

Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 13 1/16

Credits 4 months' sight 1 3 1/8

On Shanghai:—  
On demand ..... 340

On Singapore:—  
On demand ..... 52 1/2

On Japan:—  
On demand ..... 64

On India:—  
Telegraphic Transfer, 12 1/4/16

and demand ..... 82 1/4

On New York:—  
Bank Bills, on demand 19 5/8

Credits, 60 days' sight 20 7/8

On Batavia:—  
On demand ..... 35 1/2

On Paris:—  
Bank Bills, on demand 66

Credits 4 months' sight 140

On Saigon:—  
On demand ..... 108 1/4

On Manilla:—  
On demand ..... 39 1/4

On Bangkok:—  
On demand ..... 15

On Sterling Notes:—  
Bank Buying Rate ..... 1/4

Bar Silver per oz ..... 33 1/16

## Market Report

## FROM ROZA BROS.

Silver prices rose 9/16 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 23 1/16 for Ready and 22 15/16 for Forward. Silver advices reported the market as being steady with small buyers at the quoted rate. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 323 3/4.

## MARKET

quiet.

## STERLING

Business was done at 1/22/32 for near delivery. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 1/22/32 May/October, buyers at 1/21/16 for any delivery.

## U.S. DOLLARS

Opened with sellers at 20 but business was later done at 20 1/4 for June followed by transactions for Cash. Later offers at 20 3/16 and 20 1/8 were accepted for near delivery. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 20 1/8 May and probably 20 1/16 June.

## SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Opened low with business done as low as 335. Towards 1 p.m. the market rose rapidly and the highest rate done was 385 for Spot. At 1 p.m. there were sellers at 375, buyers at 380.

## SHANGHAI MARKET

The highest rate for Sterling reported this morning was 4 1/8. Towards 1 p.m. buyers were reported at 3 1/8 for Spot.

## MARKET

Steady.

## STERLING

Business was done at 12 22/32 for near delivery. The market closed with sellers at 1/22/32 for near and forward, buyers at 1/21/16 for any delivery.

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...and know  
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drinking!



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NO INJURIOUS INGREDIENTS

H.K. STOCK  
EXCHANGE

There is nothing to report.

## BUYERS

H.K. Govt. 4%, Loan, 102.

## SELLERS

H.K. Fire Ins., \$175.

## Docks Rts., \$64.

Electrics, \$64.

## Telephones (O), \$27.

## SALES

H.K. Banks, \$140.

Union Ins., \$465.

Providents, \$4/4.

Humphreys, \$3.

MANILA GOLD SHARES

Atoko 13b, Antamok 034b, Basilio

Gold 164, Batong Bulay 0085,

Big Wedge 154, Coco Grove 164,

Consol. Mines 0015a, Demonstra-

tion 05b, IXL 264, Itogon Min-

ing 164, Masbate Consol. 074,

Mine Operations 06b, North Ga-

marines 02b, San Mauricio 50b,

Surigao Consol. 144a, Suyoc Consol.

094b, United Paracale 164, Min-

danao Motherlode 074.

HONGKONG  
SHAREBROKERS'  
ASSOCIATION

Volume Of Business Transacted

on Thursday, May 16, 1940.

A.S. Watsons ..... 500 \$3.50

500 5.50

1,000

The total value is \$8,525.00.

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, May 15 (Reuter).

Government 3 1/4% Rupee, 92-0-0.

nominal.

T.T. on Japan, 89.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, May 15 (Reuter).

Government 3 1/4% Rupee, 92-0-0.

nominal.

Hongkong Daily Press

## FOREIGN MARKETS &amp; QUOTATIONS

## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

## QUOTATION

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

| MAY 10, 1940.                   |           | MAY 16, 1940.              |                 |        |        |        |        |
|---------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| STOCKS                          | Last Sale | STOCKS                     | Last Sale       |        |        |        |        |
| Adams Express                   | 51        | J. & Laughlin Steel        | 48              |        |        |        |        |
| Alleghany Steel Co.             | 204       | Kennecott Copper           | 324             |        |        |        |        |
| Allied Stores                   | 6         | Lucky Foundry & Mac.       | 24              |        |        |        |        |
| Allis Chalmers                  | 284       | Liber-Bowns-Ford Glass     | 378             |        |        |        |        |
| Aluminum Ltd.                   | 774       | Lockheed Aircraft          | 334             |        |        |        |        |
| Amer. Can                       | 1034      | Loew's Inc.                | 26              |        |        |        |        |
| American Cyanamid B.            | 34        | Loft Incorporated          | 232             |        |        |        |        |
| Amer. & Foreign Power           | 1         | Mack Truck Inc.            | 198             |        |        |        |        |
| Amer. & Foreign 4% pf.          | 17        | Martin, Glen L.            | 38              |        |        |        |        |
| American Gas & Elec.            | 304       | McKesson & Robbins, pf4    | 224             |        |        |        |        |
| Amer. Locomotive                | 134       | Monsanto Chemical          | 1004            |        |        |        |        |
| Amer. Metals Co.                | 17        | Montgomery Ward            | 392             |        |        |        |        |
| Amer. Radiator                  | 6         | National Aviation          | 113             |        |        |        |        |
| Amer. Rolling Mill              | 104       | Nat. Dairy Products        | 142             |        |        |        |        |
| Amer. Sting & Ring Co.          | 401       | Nat. Distillers            | 214             |        |        |        |        |
| Amer. Sugar Refining            | 154       | National Gypsum            | 7               |        |        |        |        |
| Amer. Tel. & Tel.               | 155       | National Lead              | 184             |        |        |        |        |
| Amer. Tobacco "B"               | 79        | Nat. Power & Light         | 67              |        |        |        |        |
| Amer. Waterworks                | 71        | National Steel Corp.       | 504             |        |        |        |        |
| Ahonda Copper                   | 244       | National Supply Corp.      | 64              |        |        |        |        |
| Atchison, T. & S. Fe.           | 171       | New York "Central"         | 111             |        |        |        |        |
| Auburn Motors                   | 51        | Niagara Hudson Power       | 41              |        |        |        |        |
| Aviation Corp.                  | 224       | N. American Aviation       | 174             |        |        |        |        |
| Bacchus & Wilcox                | 164       | North American Co.         | 18              |        |        |        |        |
| Baldwin Locomotive              | 31        | Northern Pacific           | 54              |        |        |        |        |
| Baltimore & Ohio                | 51        | Owens-Illinoian Glass Co.  | 534             |        |        |        |        |
| Barber Asphalt Co.              | 107       | Pacific Gas & Elec.        | 281             |        |        |        |        |
| Barnsall Oil                    | 9         | Pacific Lighting           | 394             |        |        |        |        |
| Bell Aircraft Corp.             | 203       | Packard Motors             | 21              |        |        |        |        |
| Bendix Aviation                 | 293       | Pan-American Airways       | 178             |        |        |        |        |
| Bethlehem Steel                 | 804       | Paramount Pictures         | 5               |        |        |        |        |
| Bliss & Co.                     | 178       | Pennsylvania R.R.          | 173             |        |        |        |        |
| Boeing Airplane Co.             | 192       | Philips-Dodge              | 343             |        |        |        |        |
| Borg-Warner                     | 163       | Philadelphia Read. Coal    | 4               |        |        |        |        |
| Bridgeport Brass Corp.          | 93        | Phillips Petroleum         | 331             |        |        |        |        |
| Briggs Mfg.                     | 17        | Pittsburg Coke & Iron      | 64              |        |        |        |        |
| Brooklyn-M'hattan Trans.        | 204       | Public Service of N.J.     | 354             |        |        |        |        |
| Brooklyn-Manhattan \$8.         | 107       | Pulman Inc.                | 194             |        |        |        |        |
| Budd Manufacturing Corp.        | 31        | Pure Oil                   | 84              |        |        |        |        |
| Canadian Pacific R'way          | 34        | Radio Corp. of Am.         | 113             |        |        |        |        |
| Case, J.I.                      | 51        | Reading Company, Com       | 113             |        |        |        |        |
| Celanese                        | 262       | Remington Arms Co. Inc.    | 44              |        |        |        |        |
| Chesapeake & Ohio               | 344       | Republic Aviation Corp.    | 44              |        |        |        |        |
| Chrysler Corp.                  | 884       | Republic Steel             | 162             |        |        |        |        |
| Climax-Molybdenum Co.           | 304       | Revere Corp. & Brass Inc.  | 91              |        |        |        |        |
| Colts Patent Fire-Arms          | 38        | Reynold Tobac. "B"         | 39              |        |        |        |        |
| Columbia Gas & Elec.            | 43        | Richfield Oil              | 61              |        |        |        |        |
| Columbia 6% "A" pf.             | 334       | Safeway Stores             | 394             |        |        |        |        |
| Commercial Credit Co.           | 351       | Schenley Distillers        | 10              |        |        |        |        |
| Com. & Southern (G'd)           | 11        | Shell Elec. Constr. Co.    | 703             |        |        |        |        |
| Consolidated Edison             | 274       | Shell Union Oil            | 84              |        |        |        |        |
| Consolidated Oil                | 61        | Socome-Vacuum Oil          | 94              |        |        |        |        |
| Continental Can                 | 378       | Southern Pacific           | 84              |        |        |        |        |
| Continental Oil                 | 204       | Southern Rly               | 35 pf.          |        |        |        |        |
| Copperweld Steel                | 194       | Sperry                     | 394             |        |        |        |        |
| Corn Products                   | 55        | Spicer Manufacturing Co.   | 26              |        |        |        |        |
| Curtiss Wright (C)              | 254       | Standard Brands            | 14              |        |        |        |        |
| Curtiss Wright "A"              | 254       | Stand Gas & Elec.          | 51              |        |        |        |        |
| D'core & Co.                    | 18        | Standard Oil of California | 204             |        |        |        |        |
| Distillers Corp. Seagrams       | 154       | Standard Oil of N.J.       | 373             |        |        |        |        |
| Douglas Aircraft                | 83        | Stone & Webster            | 74              |        |        |        |        |
| du Pont de Nemours              | 107       | Studebaker Com.            | 74              |        |        |        |        |
| Eagle Picher Lead               | 83        | Swift International        | 234             |        |        |        |        |
| Eaton Mfg. Co.                  | 273       | Technicolored              | 112             |        |        |        |        |
| Elect. Autolite                 | 324       | Texas Corp.                | 404             |        |        |        |        |
| Elect. Bond & Share             | 41        | Texas Gulf Sulphur         | 284             |        |        |        |        |
| Elect. Bond & Share \$5 pf.     | 52        | Timken-Axele               | 212             |        |        |        |        |
| Elect. Bond & Share \$8 pf.     | 63        | Trans-American Co.         | 5               |        |        |        |        |
| Elect. Power & Light \$7 Dl.    | 254       | 20th Cent. Fox             | 84              |        |        |        |        |
| Fisk Rubber                     | 12        | 20th Cent. Fox, \$14 pf.   | 18              |        |        |        |        |
| Flintkote                       | 142       | Union Bag & Paper Corp.    | 134             |        |        |        |        |
| Gen. American Trans.            | 454       | Union Carbide & Carbon     | 738             |        |        |        |        |
| Gen. Electric                   | 322       | Union Pacific              | 84              |        |        |        |        |
| Gen. Motors                     | 434       | United Aircraft            | 467             |        |        |        |        |
| Gen. Railway Signal             | 107       | United Airlines Trans.     | 178             |        |        |        |        |
| Gen. Tire & Rubber              | 134       | United Corp.               | 11              |        |        |        |        |
| Glidden Co.                     | 124       | United Corp., \$3 cum pf.  | 324             |        |        |        |        |
| Goodrich (B.F.)                 | 524       | United Gas Corpn.          | 14              |        |        |        |        |
| Goodrich \$5 pf.                | 524       | United Gas Improvement     | 11              |        |        |        |        |
| Goodyear Tire & Co.             | 16        | U.S. Industrial Alcohol    | 214             |        |        |        |        |
| Great Northern Iron Ore         | 124       | U.S. Rubber                | 222             |        |        |        |        |
| Great Northern Rly, pf.         | 224       | U.S. Rubber \$8 pf.        | 874             |        |        |        |        |
| Great Western Sugar             | 23        | U.S. Steel                 | 53              |        |        |        |        |
| Greyhound Corp.                 | 114       | Vanadium                   | 354             |        |        |        |        |
| Hercules Powder Co.             | 871       | Vultee Aircraft            | 74              |        |        |        |        |
| Homestake Mining                | 504       | Walworth Co.               | 34              |        |        |        |        |
| International Harvester         | 484       | Warner Bros. Pict.         | 21              |        |        |        |        |
| Int. Nickel                     | 244       | Westinghouse Elec.         | 974             |        |        |        |        |
| Inter. Paper & Power            | 154       | Woodward Iron Co.          | 234             |        |        |        |        |
| Int. Tel. & Tel.                | 21        | Chase National Bank        | 304             |        |        |        |        |
| Johns-Manville                  | 54        | National City Bank         | 254             |        |        |        |        |
| DOW JONES AVERAGE               |           | May 16, 1940.              |                 |        |        |        |        |
| High                            | Low       | May 14, High               | Low             | Close  | Change |        |        |
| 150.93                          | 121.41    | 30                         | Industrials     | 131.17 | 125.78 | 129.09 | .52 up |
| 35.90                           | 24.14     | 20                         | Rails           | 26.33  | 25.23  | 25.89  | .46 up |
| 87.70                           | 30.70     | 70                         | Utilities       | 20.90  | 21.25  | 20.86  | .05 up |
| 52.25                           | 84.51     | 40                         | Bonds           | 85.99  | 86.55  | 86.55  | .44 up |
| 65.67                           | 45.99     | 11                         | Commodity Index | 88.78  | 85.97  | 86.81  | .04 up |
| Business Done: 3,770,000 shares |           |                            |                 |        |        |        |        |

## RESERVE BANK OF INDIA STATEMENT

Calcutta, May 15 (Reuter).

May 1 May 8

Notes in circulation (including Notes held in the Banking Department) 25,178 25,370

Rupee Coin and Bullion in India 5,250 5,133

Gold Coin and Bullion in India 4,154 4,154

Securities (Indian Government) 8,336 3,945

Securities (British Government) 11,850 11,850

## LONDON GOLD

London, May 15 (Reuter).

Bar Gold, Fine per oz. 168.

## LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, May 15. The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 34% (Red after 1952) 98  
Canton-K'loon Rly. 5% 12  
Chinese 4% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue) 50  
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47 48  
Chin. 4% Anglo-French Loan, 1908 49  
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912 20  
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.) 30  
Chinese 8% Star. Notes, 1925 (Vickers) 9  
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan 60  
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% 11  
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Std.) 11  
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Std.) 11  
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Std. Supl. Loan) 11  
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Std. Supl. Loan) 11  
Jap. 5% Star. Loan, 1907 36  
Jap. 6% Star. Loan, 1924 43  
Ger. 7% Int'l. Loan, 1924 6  
Chartered Bank 37  
H.K. & Sh'au Bank (Ldn. Reg.) 37  
H.K. & Sh'au Bank (Col. Reg.) 884  
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer) 19  
Chosen Corporation 6/6  
Safeway Stores 2  
Sh'au Distillers 15  
Sh'au Elec. Constr. Co. 15  
Sh'au Waterworks "A" 15  
Union Insurance 28  
Guia Kalumpang Rubber 17/6  
Allied Ironfounders 13/9  
Asso. & Elec. Industries 39  
Austin Motors, ord. 15  
Cable & Wireless, New Form, ord. 51  
B-A, Tob. (bearer) 55  
Mercantile Bank 128  
Cammell Laird, ord. 6/4  
Mexican Eagle 5/3  
Courtaulds 35  
Distillers 62/9  
Dunlop Rubber 32/9  
Gen. Electric (England) 79  
Hawker Siddeley Airc. 11/74  
Bristol Aeroplane 13/8  
Imperial Chemical Ind. 30/8  
Imperial Tobacco 105  
Marks & Sp'cer "A" ord. 37/6  
Rolls Royce 83/11  
Leyland Motors 69/44  
Tate & Lyle 50/71  
Turner & Newall 64/6  
United Steel 22/14  
Smethwick Drop Forging 13/9  
Armstrong Stevens, ord. 15  
Pressed Steel, com. 16/3  
Vickers, ord. 16/3  
Woolworths 56  
Anglo-Dutch 20/3  
Rub. Plant. Invest. Trust 26/9  
Burma Corporation 8/6  
Commonwealth Mining 12/6  
Marsman Investments 40  
Randfontein Estates 10/12  
Western Holdings 195  
Sub-Nigel 44d  
Tanami Gold Mining 48/14  
Anglo-Iranian 65  
Burma 65  
Shell Trans. & Trad. (bearer) 61/3  
—Nominal

## LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, May 15 (Reuter).

TIN

buyers sellers

£ £

Standard: Cash 261-1/4 261-1/2

Standard, 3 months 258-1/4 258-3/4

Settlement Price 261-1/4

Straits 261-1/2 to 261-1/2

Forward, 22-15/16d.

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, May 15 (Reuter).

Market Firm, "Offtake 200 bars.

Indian Mint Silver

Ready 63-12

June 3 Settlement 63-13

July 2 Settlement 64-00

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## COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

(FROM PAYNE &amp; CO.)

New York, May 15, 1940.

Previous May 15  
Closing Opening Closing Change

Buyers Buyers

S P O T 38-5/8 38-7/8 38-7/8 up 1/4

J U N E 37-1/8 37-1/2 37-1/2 up 3/8

O C T . - D E C . 36 cts. 36-1/4 36-1/4 up 1/4

The market was slightly easier after ruling steady.

LONDON RUBBER Previous close Today's close

buyers buyers

S P O T 11-15/16 11-7/8 off 1/16

J U N E 11-15/16 11-7/8 off 1/16

J U L Y - S E P T . 12-1/16 11-15/16 off 1/8

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### Passengers

#### ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

In transit from Shanghai on a J.C.J.L. ship for southern ports yesterday were the following:

Mrs. E. M. Blessman, Mrs. B. L. Boone, Miss K. L. Bood, Miss E. R. Brink, Mrs. K. H. Flemming, Mr. B. T. Dadiani, Mrs. V. T. Lake, Misses V. T. S. G. and K. G. Lake, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. MacDonald, Mr. B. M. P. O'Hea, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Snow, Mrs. A. Y. Velles, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Ziwald, Mrs. Z. B. Marvin, Mr. A. Ennodi, Mr. H. Van der Veen.

Disembarking in the Colony from the Dutch ship were:

Mrs. M. E. Bierens de Haan, Mrs. H. F. Gardner (Brownly), Mr. H. H. Green, Major H. de Lacerda, Mrs. G. Pestonji, Capt. J. A. da Silva, Capt. J. M. Santos Loureiro, Mrs. J. M. Santos Loureiro and son, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Tiedeman, Mr. K. Kinosita.

#### HOMeward BOUND

Passengers who recently embarked from Hongkong on an Italian liner on its home-ward bound route were:

Mrs. Kennebeck & child, Mr. and Mrs. Loke Yuen Lok, Mr. L. Wai Tsing, Mr. H. C. Seawell, Mr. and Mrs. G. de la Barra, Miss Adina Rigor, Lt. Courrado E. Rigor, Mr. Chik Tze Nam, Miss J. M. Peterson, Rev. Garbelli, Miss Tino, Mrs. A. B. Unson, Mr. P. Limatap, Mrs. Su and Mrs. Yee, Mr. Lam Yat Wing, Miss Lam Kee Pek, Mrs. Chaves and Mrs. Abaya, Mrs. N. W. Winn, Mr. and Mrs. V. Almario, Reverend Fathers Eretton, Castanion, Panizo, and Vellalha, Mr. and Mrs. Montinola and family, Mr. Pak Lim, Mr. Pan Sung Ruey, Mr. and Mrs. Chan Cheun and child, Mrs. Noel and two daughters, Mr. Christonberry, Mr. Sam Wong Dang, Miss Schaeppi, Miss P. Nots, Rev. R. S. Brookes, Mr. Polmer and two children, Mr. H. S. Dunn, Miss R. Sun, Mr. S. Manghanmal, Mr. Chen Ping Chih, Mr. K. U. Manghanmal, Mr. Lo Ku Hin, Mrs. Kwong and family.

Mr. Willem Thurbecke, former Netherlands Minister at Netherland's Legation in Peking, was among the arrivals in the Colony from the Italian liner. Others disembarking at Hongkong were:

Mr. James M. McHugh, Mr. Alexey Seregin, Mrs. P. Jernakoff, Mr. R. McDonnell, Mr. and Mrs. Chue Wen, Mr. R. Bhojraj, Mrs. J. Tal Rummelhoff, Mr. J. Thio Tjo, Mrs. C. S. Tsai, Mr. B. Wang, Mr. Wang Yu Chuen, Mr. Chang Chiu Chiu, Mr. Ken Chan, Mrs. H. C. Woo, Mr. and Mrs. K. F. Choy, Mrs. Lo, Mr. W. C. Fong Choy, Mrs. Lo, Mr. W. C. Fong Choy, Miss H. P. Choy, Miss K. C. Choy, Miss P. Choy, Miss Woo, Capt. W. H. Ehrhardt, Miss E. T. Ehrhardt.

Mr. T. D. Bharwani, Mr. P. Y. Lowe, Mrs. Lu and infant, Mr. Y. F. Chien, Mr. Yu Min Kong, Mr. C. I. Chao, Mr. Chen Tsung Jen, Mr. Wang Tze Chien, Mr. Chiu A. Seng, Miss Ching Ka Wa, Mr. Jackson Chen, Mr. Wang Wu Cheng, Mr. Tchen Ki Chou, Mr. King Ying Jui, Mr. Shai Ven Ten.

#### IN TRANSIT

In transit for distant ports, Asiatic and European, on the Italian liner are:

Mr. H. Ebury, Mr. A. Assanmal, Mr. A. Ponce, Mrs. F. Gardner, Mrs. T. Browning, Mr. and Mrs. L. Dagramosio, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Stefenelli, Mr. F. de Marchi-Gherini.

Mr. D. Dassetto, Mrs. C. Wiegarten, Mr. L. Lissner, Mr. A. Lorenzo, F. de la Itera de Celis, Mr. G. G. Castrillo, Mr. C. Peno Lerena, Mr. D. Ramchad, Mr. R. Pardiwalla, Mr. C. Patel, Mr. and Mrs. P. Balasari and infant, Mr. S. Neto, Mr. G. Nardoné, Mr. V. del Castello, Mr. R. Mannozzi, Mrs. M. Prodani-Grandi, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Young, Mr. and Mrs. J. Piffarelli, Mr. I. M. Argoste, Mr. S. R. Otegi.

Mr. S. T. Carmona, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sandstom, Mr. A. Szyldowsky, Mr. Chiam Koon Hog, Mr. Daud Lim Mohamed, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Kao, Mr. W. T. Kao, Mr. C. K. Pitt, Mrs. Phille Koo, Mrs. E. Mengolini, Rev. A. Ferro, Mr. N. Palmeri, Mrs. R. Walbrun, Mrs. I. dal Ri, Mr. P. Renzo, Mr. P. de Hess, Mr. F. Van de Gaer.

### ITALIAN TROOPS PASS THROUGH

A Italy's Trieste liner passing through Hongkong recently, carried 333 officers and men personnel of the Italian ROYAL Marines, from Shanghai to Italy, under the command of Commdr. Giovanni Fabris. Attached to the force, and travelling in a specialized capacity, are eleven Chinese laundrymen.

#### TRAFFIC CASES

Pleading guilty to a summons for driving a car in a dangerous manner at Queen's Road East and was at the junction, waiting to turn into Stubb's Road. When the signal was given, the defendant, who was behind, overtook Mrs. Wasser's car and grazed her front right mudguard, causing damage to the extent of \$18.40.

Tong was ordered to pay the cost of repairs to the complainant.

#### FAILING TO STOP

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#### Two lorry passengers were injured when their lorry overturned.

Eight bus passengers and two tram passengers were injured while alighting from moving buses and moving trams respectively.

Of 86 accidents, 36 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; 24 accidents were due to other causes.

Twenty-one cases of tuberculosis, five of enteric fever, four of chicken-pox, three each of dysentery and cerebro-spinal fever, two each of puerperal fever and measles, and one each of diphtheria and scarlet fever were reported to the Health Authorities for the 24 hours ended at midnight of May 15.

ROME, May 16 (Reuter)—All American ships leaving Italy are fully booked, mostly by American refugees from Holland and Belgium.

At a recent meeting of the Shanghai Rotary Club, the following directors were elected for the coming Rotary year, July 1, 1940 to June 30, 1941:—President, Mr. G. W. Bolsevalin, Netherlands Consul General; vice-president Wm. Z. L. Sung and Messrs. R. Bringert, W. Johnstone, L. M. Pharis, F. W. Poate, Fred C. See and T. F. Wei, honorary secretary. E. S. Little Jr., honorary treasurer, H. Schall; Sergeant-at-arms, Percy Kwok.

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### Weekly Toll Of The Road

#### IN THE COLONY

In the Colony of Hongkong including the Island, Kowloon and New Territories during the week ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 11, 1940, there were altogether 88 traffic accidents as the result of which three persons were killed and 30 persons were injured.

Of persons killed, two Chinese males, aged 52 and 63 respectively were knocked down and killed by motor buses while crossing the carriageway and a Chinese male died from injuries received when a private motor car in which he was a passenger ran off the roadway.

Of persons injured, 18 were pedestrians who were struck by vehicles while either crossing the carriageway or playing games in roadway.

A private car passenger was injured when the result of a collision between vehicles.

Two pedestrians were knocked down and injured by a private car running on the roadway.

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Optional goods have been landed here unless instructions were given to the contrary six hours before arrival of the steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days including date of arrival will be subject to rent.

No fire insurance has or will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard &amp; Douglas, at 10 a.m. on Monday and Thursday, within the Free Storage period.

Consignees are specially notified that it is necessary for a Revenue Officer to be present at the examination of damaged dutiable cargo.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriters on or before 4th June, 1940, or they will not be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godown.

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Hong Kong, 15th May, 1940.

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## French Infantry Show Stubborn Resistance

## Change In Fighting Renders Reorganisation Necessary

PARIS, May 16 (Reuter)—The battle of Meuse, from Namur to Sedan, has been raging furiously all day. A French War Office spokesman last night described it as a "great hurricane." The enemy is hurling formidable forces into the battle and is attacking the whole front, more on the lines of the Polish Campaign than those of 1914.

The Germans are using relatively little artillery, but pushing forward at great speed with armoured and motorised columns, also employing an enormous mass of planes which are bombing and machine-gunning the French infantry who, said the spokesman, resisted admirably. Faced at certain points with an overwhelming mass of tanks, they had to give way.

During the day enemy tank columns broke through the French lines at three points in South Sedan on the left bank of the Meuse.

## FURIOUS FIGHTING

The tanks which broke through spread out like a fan in all directions, causing a general melee which lasted all day. As the French tanks counter-attacked, the French infantry, after the German armoured columns had passed, closed in on the supporting enemy troops. In the ensuing struggle there was furious hand-to-hand fighting.

The German attack changed the war of position behind the fortified lines into a war of movement. Enemy attacks now take the form of a spearhead drive of the tank corps which try to penetrate the lines with infantry following. This change in the character of the war, it was announced in Paris last night, has involved the reorganisation of the French divisions.

The higher interests of the conduct of the operations compel us not to give, at the present moment, any precise information as to actions which are now taking place, adds the communiqué.

## TOUGH FIGHTING

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter)—Reuter's Special Correspondent with the B. E. F. somewhere in Belgium, reports that the position, so far as the British force is concerned, is that, while tough fighting has occurred in the Louvain district, a big effort is at present being made by the Germans further south on the Namur-Sedan front where many of their most formidable forces have been hurled against the French.

The German method of attack is first by moderate artillery preparation then a sudden mass onslaught by tanks aided by low-flying aircraft which bomb and machine-guns the defending troops.

Infantry is bound to recoil before this until they can be strengthened sufficiently to counter-attack. The counter-attacking has been, and probably still is being, carried on now in the case of three German penetrations across the Meuse.

## PREPARATIONS COMPLETED

BERNE, May 16 (Reuter)—Mobilisation here has been completed by all troops occupying the positions assigned to them.

The positions on the frontiers are strongly held.

In the interior large forces are ready to maintain the security of Switzerland.

Nazi troop movements have been reported from Freiburg along the north-east border of Switzerland.

Passenger train services from Germany via Basle have been suspended in both directions except for those with diplomatic passes.

The Swiss radio denies rumours spread by certain sinister sources expressing doubts about Switzerland's neutrality.

## MOBILISATION IN HUNGARY

BUDAPEST, May 16 (Reuter)—The mobilisation of two Hungarian Army Corps was announced yesterday. It is officially stated that this cannot be regarded as any threat to peace.

The mobilisation is for the purpose of training men from the territories recently incorporated in Hungary who have not yet done service in the Hungarian Army. A few motorised and cavalry brigades have also been mobilised for the same reason.

## BELGIUM CANNOT BE DEFEATED

BRUSSELS, May 16 (Reuter)—A Government proclamation says the "defeat of our northern neighbour will not discourage us. Our army is supported by our British and French Allies, and stubbornly resisting. Belgium cannot be defeated."

The announcer stated the Government had not left the capital where the Allied Embassies also remain.

## CHESS TITLE

There were no surprises in last night's Colony Chess Championship tournament matches. The results were: Sir H. E. Pollock beat A. Y. Birkhoff, D. E. de Carvalho beat A. Kurrik, K. M. A. Barnett beat V. K. Kotatchoff, and K. Weiss beat L. Blair.

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter)—Circles in London who are in close touch with the Vatican state that the recent measures by the Fascist Party has rendered the distribution of the Vatican "Observators" impossible. These measures coincided with the Pope's messages to the sovereigns of Belgium, Luxembourg and Holland.

## OPTIMISM IS EVIDENT IN ALLIED CIRCLES

BRUSSELS, May 16 (Reuter)—A feeling of optimism is evident tonight in Allied circles.

It is authoritatively stated that the entire Belgian Government is remaining in the capital.

## HELD IN CHECK

PARIS, May 16 (Reuter)—A military spokesman said this morning that all German attempts to debouch from Sedan yesterday were repulsed and the Germans are being held in check there, while the enemy attacks north of Namur have been repulsed and there is little to report concerning the situation east of Sedan.

Concerning the front between Namur and Sedan the spokesman said today's communiqué enjoined the watchword of silence of the whole nation and added that the situation in this area was confused and serious but there is no need for anxiety.

## OPEN WARFARE

A communiqué issued today states that from the region of Namur to that of Sedan the battle has taken on the characteristics of open warfare with participation on both sides of motorised units and aviation.

The higher interests of the conduct of the operations compel us not to give, at the present moment, any precise information as to actions which are now taking place, adds the communiqué.

## TOUGH FIGHTING

LONDON, May 16 (Reuter)—Reuter's Special Correspondent with the B. E. F. somewhere in Belgium, reports that the position, so far as the British force is concerned, is that, while tough fighting has occurred in the Louvain district, a big effort is at present being made by the Germans further south on the Namur-Sedan front where many of their most formidable forces have been hurled against the French.

The German method of attack is first by moderate artillery preparation then a sudden mass onslaught by tanks aided by low-flying aircraft which bomb and machine-guns the defending troops.

Infantry is bound to recoil before this until they can be strengthened sufficiently to counter-attack. The counter-attacking has been, and probably still is being, carried on now in the case of three German penetrations across the Meuse.

## MANSLAUGHTER ALLEGED

Committee proceedings on a charge of manslaughter were continued before M. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon Court yesterday against Fung Mun, 28, seaman of cargo boat No. 440V, who, it is alleged, was one of several men and women boat people who had beaten up a man named Chong Kwai, 43, near the Wo Shing Wharf, Yaumati Typhoon Shelter, in the early hours of April 16.

Li Tan, 40, nightsoil cooler, stated in evidence yesterday that he heard shouts coming from the direction of the wharf, and there were voices suggesting that a certain man, who was referred to as a thief, was beaten up.

## FELL INTO TRAP

Sentence of two months' hard labour was passed by Mr. E. Hinsworth at Kowloon Court yesterday on Chan Hing, 30, convicted of having demanded with menaces a sum of \$2 from a cyclist, Wong Chung.

As Wong was pedalling along Boundary Street on Tuesday night about 11 o'clock, it was related in Court, he was stopped by defendant who shone light at him and demanded to know where he was going without a light.

Defendant explained that he was a policeman and that Wong was likely to be fined \$5. Wong asked that he be treated lightly, and suggested that defendant accept \$2. Defendant agreed to this and Wong said further that he had not \$2 on him would defendant meet him in a teashop the following day where he would hand over the money?

On the day following, Wong was accompanied by his master to the teashop where they detained defendant. It was revealed in Court that defendant was formerly employed by the Fire Brigade and had been discharged.

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